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## CANTONESE CLAIM VICTORY.

AN IRONSIDE BRIGADE  
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MANY PRISONERS AND 5,000  
RIFLES CAPTURED.

15 MILES FROM CITY!

Terrible slaughter is reported to have occurred in another severe engagement between the Ironsides and the defenders of Canton during Tuesday night and yesterday morning. The Cantonese claim a remarkable victory, their headquarters announcing that a whole brigade of the enemy forces was destroyed. The capture of five thousand rifles is also claimed.

The claims cannot be verified, but there seems little doubt that the Ironsides have at least been severely repulsed. The Kwangsi forces in the West River Sector have also been defeated.

The fighting appears to have taken place to the south of Fah Yuen, and one report suggests that the Ironsides got within fifteen miles of Canton before the bitterest part of the fighting occurred. If this is so, the Cantonese must have retreated considerably after their success in the engagement of the previous night. This, of course, may have been a tactical manoeuvre.

Fierce Battle.

Canton, Dec. 11.

Another fierce battle between General Chang Kai-shek's Ironsides and the Cantonese defenders took place during the night, directly north of Canton, on the other side of the White Cloud Mountains, probably within about 15 miles of the city.

The Cantonese claim the victory and have an official communiqué on the subject, the translation of which runs as follows:—

"Victory Report No. 1."

Report received from the North River Headquarters at 8.00 a.m.

"Our troops scored a great victory. Captured 6,000 enemy rifles, killed over 3,000 of the enemy and took over 2,000 prisoners. The enemy is making a hasty retreat."

"Political Tutelage Office, 8th Army Route Headquarters."

That an important engagement did take place during the night is certain, and it is rumoured that further fighting is going on.

It is not, however, possible to ascertain precisely the situation of the opposing troops at the moment, or to obtain exact confirmation of the extent of the victory claimed by the Cantonese.

Practically every motor vehicle on the streets of Canton (except those privately owned) have been commandeered.

Gunboats Move.

Some of the Northern gunboats which have been lying off the Shek Wai Tong Railway Station for the past few days, shifted this morning and moved down river to the Macao Fort Anchorage.

It is reported that the Kwangsi troops may make a drive from the westerly direction aiming at the Canton-Shanghai Railway, whilst the Ironsides make an attempt to get through to the Canton-Kowloon Railway, from the North. Here in the City everything is very quiet; at night not a soul is to be seen in the streets. Large numbers of people are leaving for Hongkong and all river steamers leaving for Hongkong are absolutely crowded.

Police with the Royal Packet boat death has occurred at the Red uprising in Canton of 1927, when the Russian and Chinese Bolsheviks ruled the city for two days. There had been rumours of another Red uprising to mark the

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## THE ANTI-PIRACY GUARDS.

PROBABILITY OF ABOLITION  
AS FROM APRIL 1ST.

NAVAL STATEMENT.

Regarding the hope expressed by Lord Incheape in London that the anti-piracy guards maintained by the military would not be done away with "in view of recent piracies, Commodore R. A. S. Hill stated this morning that he was unaware that the decision of the authorities was being reconsidered.

Commodore Hill, as senior naval officer of this area, is chief of the anti-piracy authorities, and would, of course, be the first to know of any change of plan in this direction. As it is, the guards will be abolished as from April 1, 1930, unless some reason prompts the authorities to maintain them as a necessity for the safety of passenger vessels.

These guards generally consist of an officer's guard, which comprises one officer and 25 men. They are employed on the Canadian Pacific liners between Hongkong and Shanghai, and on certain other smaller coastal vessels. Such a force would, of course, have a deterrent effect against piracy, as it is extremely unlikely that coastal pirates would like to tackle such a formidable proposition as the well-armed, disciplined and efficient British soldier.

It must also be taken into consideration, however, that the piracy of a big ship would be an expensive and difficult task, not likely to appeal to pirates. The risk, also, even without the guards, would be tremendous.

With regard to an order to the effect that British soldiers guarding such vessels must fight to the last, it was pointed out this morning that such an order is a general one, and always applicable. In fact, the order itself is a standing one, as it is a soldier's duty, as laid down by regulations and included in the oath of allegiance, to defend his command at all hazards.

## HEATED DISCUSSION IN CHAMBER.

M. TARDIEU'S CHALLENGE  
TO THE LEFT.

Paris, Dec. 11.

A heated scene occurred today during the debate in the Chamber on the War Ministry Estimates. M. Tardieu, the Prime Minister, roundly denounced the Left Opposition, declaring that they were merely splitting hairs and adding: "If you want a battle, we accept it."

On the subsequent division, which the Premier said he made a test of confidence, the Government had a majority of only thirty-two.

—*Reuter.*

## BUILDING A TARIFF WALL.

MORE INCREASES BY THE  
AUSTRALIANS.

Canberra, Dec. 11.

Further alterations in the Australian tariffs are announced by the new Labour Treasurer. The changes involve increased duties of certain classes of electrical goods, and on fur hats, oils, paints, chinaware and motor accessories.

Duty of fivepence per pound has been imposed upon wool-tops, which hitherto have been duty-free.

—*Reuter.*

## FORMER TSARIST OFFICIAL DEAD.

FOUND ASYLUM WHERE ONCE  
HE HELD CONTROL.

Helsinki, Dec. 11.

Death has occurred at the Finnish Ministry of M. Nicolai Gerard, former Governor-General of Finland in the Tsarist regime. When the Bolsheviks took control of Russia and Finland assumed her independence, M. Gerard found asylum in Finland at the expense of the Finnish Government.

## CONVICTS MUTINY IN AMERICA.

SECOND OUTBREAK AT  
AUBURN GAOL.

DESPERATE BATTLE LASTS  
FOUR HOURS.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR.

New York, Dec. 11.

Another sensational gaol outbreak has occurred at the Auburn State Prison. This is the second attempt of the kind within six months, the first occurring in July last when after an exciting affray, the mutiny was quelled, after four warders had been shot down and killed and two convicts had been killed and others wounded.

The brief reports of the new outbreak to hand reveal that the convicts are in complete control of the prison. They are holding the Governor of the Prison as a hostage for their freedom. Police, firemen and troops are being rushed to the scene.

Twelve Dead?

Later.

The mutiny at Auburn State Prison has been quelled after a desperate struggle. It is unofficially stated that twelve of the convicts were shot dead by the police and troops, six of them being killed when troops opened fire upon them with machine-guns.

This estimate of the casualties has not been officially confirmed. A statement by the Auburn authorities says that three convicts have been killed and three wounded during the outbreak, which was one of the most desperate for many years.

Head Warden Shot.

It appears that if gang of long-term convicts suddenly mutinied, as the result of a long pre-arranged plot, shot the head-warden, and well-armed, gained complete control of the prison.

They seized the Governor and seven warders and announced that they would be held as hostages. The prisoners threatened to murder all eight of them if they were not granted their freedom.

Wires Cut.

The prison telephone wires had been cut so it was impossible for the prison officials to communicate with the outside world.

Eventually, however, State troops, police and National Guardsmen in hundreds arrived at the prison equipped with all the panoply of war.

The outbreak was suppressed after four hours of desperate fighting.

—*Reuter's American Service.*

Sing Sing Plot Revealed.

It was only a month ago that the officials of Sing Sing Prison, the most famous gaol in the United States, announced that a plot for the wholesale escape of the gaol's 2,000 inhabitants had been discovered and the ringleaders placed in solitary confinement.

With the outbreaks at Auburn, Dannemora, and Canon City, Colorado, still fresh in their minds, officials had been keeping a close watch during the previous week on a number of unruly prisoners, having got wind of a daring scheme for smuggling weapons into the prison, short-circuiting the lighting system, and opening the cells with false keys.

To-day the ringleaders were removed from their cells and placed in solitary confinement in the death house.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

NOVEMBER IMPORTS AND  
EXPORTS.

London, Dec. 11.

The Board of Trade returns for November show that the imports amounted to £108,218,000, an increase of £1,396,000 as compared with November of last year, and exports to £63,125,000, a decrease of £842,000 as compared with the same period last year.

—*Reuter.*

## "HAICHING" TO BE REPAIRED.

EXPECTED TO RESUME RUN IN  
A MONTH'S TIME.

CHAMBER'S TRIBUTE.

Interviewed this morning with regard to the future of the s.s. Haiching, Mr. A. H. White, of the Douglas Steamship Company, said that as soon as the police had finished with the vessel the damage would be surveyed and repairs promptly taken in hand.

Mr. White pointed out that, so far as could be seen at present, only the superstructure and bridge would need to be rebuilt, whilst other damage incidental to the fire would require to be repaired. The engines and after-part were undamaged, said Mr. White, who expressed the hope

## SEDITIONARY PAMPHLETS SEIZED.

Documents Dealing With  
Canton Situation.

ONE ARREST MADE.

A large quantity of seditious pamphlets relating, it is understood, to the present political situation at Canton, has been seized by the police authorities within the past few days, including some that were found thrown from an upper floor of China Building into Queen's Road, and were picked up by the police yesterday morning.

An arrest, it is stated, has been effected in connection with one of these seizures, the prisoner being held pending the translation of the documents by the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs.

Owing to the conditions in Canton, giving rise to fears of possible local repercussions, the movements of certain Chinese politicians are being kept under surveillance, a large number of men having been detained for duty at the Canton steamer wharves for this purpose.

that the ship would again be running in about a month's time.

Until a survey was made, said Mr. White, the damage done, as represented in money, would not be known exactly.

At a meeting of the Shipping Sub-Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce held last evening, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That the Shipping Sub-Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce requests that there be entered in the minutes an expression of its deep regret at the loss of life and the extensive damage sustained in the piracy of the s.s. Haiching on Sunday, the 8th December, 1929, and expresses its admiration of the gallant defence made by the personnel of the ship."

In its message to the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, the Admiralty expresses admiration at the gallantry of the captain, officers and crew of the Haiching in successfully overcoming the attempted piracy, and further states that "the timely action of the destroyers *Sterling* and *Sirdar* is also most satisfactory."

## NEW CONSTITUTION FOR AUSTRIA.

SCHOBER BILL PUT INTO  
EFFECT.

Vienna, Dec. 11.

The Constitutional Reform Bill as approved by the Federal Council, came into force to-day.

President Miklas has requested the old Government, under Herr Schober, to remain in office.

The President, under the new Constitution, assumes the supreme command of the Federal Army.

—*Reuter.*

Mrs. J. Owen Hughes is to distribute the prizes at the Victoria British School at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday next.

## EGYPTIAN POLICY DEBATED.

LORD LLOYD ATTACKS  
GOVERNMENT.

EARL GREY CONDEMNS LATE  
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

London, Dec. 11. The overwhelming Conservative strength in the House of Lords was again illustrated to-day when the Government was defeated, the Upper House carrying by forty-six votes to thirteen, a motion by Lord Salisbury, regretting the precipitation with which the Government launched a new policy in Egypt and the risk it entailed to the security of Imperial communications.

The feature of the debate was a contribution by Lord Lloyd, the former High Commissioner in Egypt, who was invited to resign by the Labour Government. Lord Lloyd condemned the policy of the Government in handing over British and foreign interests to an immature Egyptian political system.

Lord Parmoor, for the Government, declared that Britain had made proposals regarding the protection of foreigners and Egyptian obligations in this direction were not fulfilled it was incumbent upon Britain to see that the regulations were properly carried out. He pointed out that aggressive intervention of foreign Powers was ruled out by the British undertaking to defend the country against such an event.

Egypt Rescued.

Initiating the debate, Lord Salisbury said that British policy in Egypt had retrieved that country from bankruptcy and had restored order and prosperity. The Sudan had been rescued from a hopeless relapse into barbarism.

Within a month of coming into office the present Government had, in appearance at least, made a radical change in the line of the policy hitherto adopted.

Lord Lloyd, formerly High Commissioner in Egypt, suggested that the draft treaty involved grave and serious changes in policy.

Military Aspects.

He criticised the military aspects of the draft treaty, particularly the provision whereby British troops were to be moved out of Cairo and Alexandria to the desert, east of Longitude 32.

He was confident that the only place from which the canal could be economically and adequately defended was from Cairo or a place within striking distance of it.

British troops had for some years ceased to be an army of occupation, but they were a guarantee of safety. Never once during his four years of office had a British soldier been used to maintain order.

He also criticised the removal of effective European control of the Police Force and the withdrawal of British judges in the Courts of Justice.

Government Determined.

Lord Parmoor, replying on behalf of the Government, said the return of Egyptian troops to the Sudan had the full approval of the Government. It would make no alteration whatever in the Sudan settlement.

"As long as we maintain our occupation of troops at Cairo," continued Lord Parmoor, "so long will it be impossible to make any advance in giving Egypt the independence she desires."

"We want to find a system which, at the same time, will establish the independence of Egypt, and secure the separate interests of Great Britain." The Government was going to preserve the policy indicated in Lord Milner's report as long as they were in power.

Real Independence.

They were determined to meet as fairly and large-heartedly as possible, the vital points on which Egyptians insisted in order that they might have, in Lord Milner's words, real national independence. He was instructed that, unless previously instructed, he was to

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## HUGE AMMUNITION HAUL AT KIEL.

CONSIGNMENT FOR CHINA  
SEIZED.

SIX MEN FACE TRIAL.

Berlin, Dec. 11.

The accidental smashing of a case marked "Machinery" being placed on board a German steamer at Kiel, with China as its destination, has revealed an extensive plot for the smuggling of arms and ammunition from Germany to China.

Six men have been placed under arrest in connexion with the affair, four of them being well-known merchants, and two of them former officers in the German Army.

The trial of the defendants commenced today, but the judge decided that the case should be heard in camera.

They are charged with attempting to smuggle eight million rounds of ammunition to China in violation of the law prohibiting the export of war material.

It appears that the cases of ammunition involved came from the old Reichswahr stores and they were supposed to have been scrapped. The defendants are alleged to have procured the cases, marked them "machinery" and placed them aboard a steamer at Kiel.

The plot was discovered, as stated, by the breaking of one of the cases, revealing the contents.

## ENFIELD BUS HITS TRAMCAR.

FIVE KILLED AND TWENTY  
INJURED.

London, Dec. 11.

Five persons were killed and twenty injured in a collision between a tramcar and an omnibus at Enfield to-day.

The crash was terrific and both vehicles were overturned and wrecked.

—*Reuter.*

The collision is attributed to the bus having swerved to avoid a cyclist.

The tramcar, after swaying, turned turtle as a result of the terrific crash. The passengers were imprisoned amid piles of broken glass. Some were severely cut.

The bus, which was a single-decker, had the whole of its side ripped away.

All those killed were passengers in the bus.

—*Reuter.*

## LABOUR'S FIRST COAL MINES BILL.

MARKETING SCHEME AND  
INDUSTRIAL BOARD.

London, Dec. 11.

The House of Commons to-day formally adopted the first reading of the Coal Mines Bill, introduced by Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, which is to "provide for regulating and facilitating production, supply and sale of coal by the coal-owners; for the temporary amendment of Section Three of the Coal Mines Act of 1908; for the constitution and functions of a Coal Mines National Industrial Board; and matters connected with these purposes."

—*Reuter.*

## VICTORIA TURNS LABOUR.

NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE IS  
ADOPTED.

Melbourne, Dec. 11.

At the first sitting of the Parliament of the State of Victoria since the General Election, a Labour motion of no-confidence in the National Ministry was adopted by thirty votes to eleven.

The Premier, Sir William McPherson, in consequence, has tendered his resignation.

The Governor of the State has asked the Labour leader, Mr. Hogan, to form a Ministry.

## SHOOTING IN THE SETTLEMENT.

CHINESE IN SHANGHAI  
ALARMED.

FEW SHOTS FIRED FOLLOWING  
CHAPEL TROUBLE.

SITUATION EASIER?

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

While it is reported that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is satisfied that the Government's position has definitely improved, there is strong evidence of intrigue against the Nanking regime in many quarters, and there is no apparent justification for becoming less apprehensive at the present time. In Shanghai, tension is by no means relaxed. Indeed, after the excitement in Chapel yesterday the tendency to alarm among the populace has increased.

Lurid reports were in circulation yesterday regarding the happenings at Chapel, including a rumour that Kuomintang adherents intended to make the North Station of the Nanking-Shanghai Railway the target for an attack.

A general influx of Chinese residents from the native city into the Settlement ensued, but beyond a few shots, attended by considerable excitement, no real trouble occurred in the International Settlement.

Incident in Frenchtown.

In the French Concession, however, forty Chinese workers attempted to demonstrate, shouting Communist slogans and distributing pamphlets.

Nine of the ringleaders were arrested, the remainder succeeding in making good their escape. The St. Francis Xavier's soccer team was temporarily isolated in the Chapel district during the height of the disturbances, owing to the strict enforcement of martial law.

The timely assistance of the Municipal Police enabled a rescue to be effected.

Colonel Arrested.

The Lungwah gendarmerie have arrested Colonel Li Ying-shin, the commander of the Native Volunteers, and have framed charges against him alleging implication in the recent Communist uprising in Nantao.

It is alleged that incriminating documents were found at Col. Li's residence during the raid.

—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Commons Statement.

London, Dec. 11.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Henderson said he had no information regarding the situation in China in addition to that outlined in his reply of Monday, except that the majority of the British and American women and children of Nanking, arrived in Shanghai safely on Monday.

Sir Kingsley Wood asked if the presence of British forces had had a salutary effect and if the position was improving.

Mr. Henderson said that he had no evidence on which to base such a conclusion. He added that a note from the commander on Monday said that things were much quieter.

—*Reuter.*

Nanking Announcement.

Dr. C. T. Wang has issued statements addressed to foreign authorities, assuring the full protection of foreign lives and property in Nanking and requesting foreigners to disregard the sensational rumours created by the enemies of the regime. It appears that Nanking was reassured following the announcements that General Chen Tiao-yun and General Ho Chien would remain loyal to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and would not take the side of the rebels under Tang Seng-chi.

Round Table Conference.

In some quarters it is stated that certain military leaders have suggested a round-table conference at Peking to discuss the causes which provide the primary cause of the present turmoil. It is

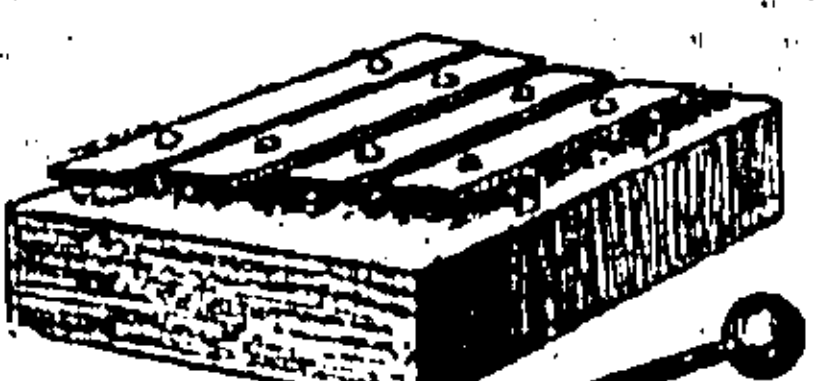
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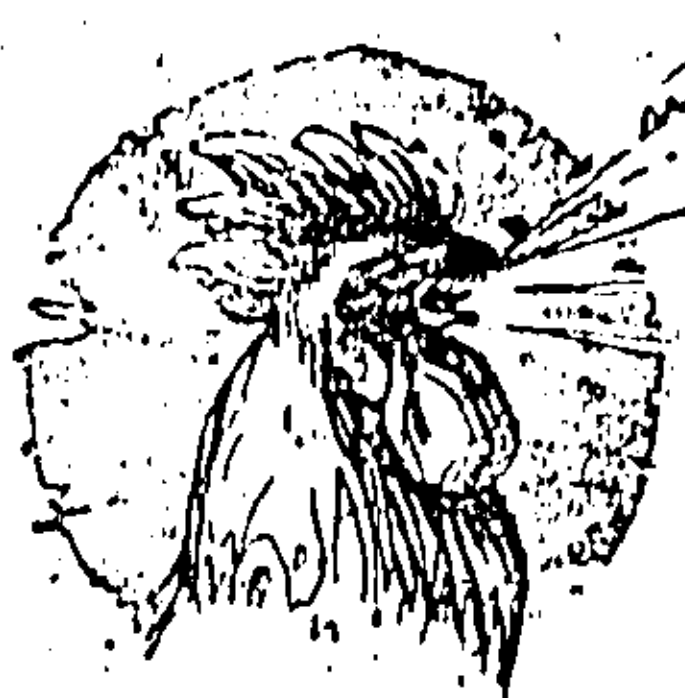
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### LIMITED COMPANY MEETING.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT GIVEN  
BY PUISNE JUDGE.

#### FRAUD RECALLED.

An important judgment involving the liability of a Limited Company for the acts of its servants was delivered by His Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, yesterday.

The Wing Hung Cheong, California Merchants, sued the Kong Ah Co., Ltd. for the sum of \$700.00 alleged to have been lent to the Company, which amount was admittedly handed to one Wong Taz-on who was, at the time, an assistant manager of the defendant Company and who was recently prosecuted and convicted of embezzling a large sum of money of the defendant Company.

Mr. J. M. Hall, of Messrs. Lyson and Hall, appeared for the plaintiff firm and Mr. P. M. Hodgson, of Messrs. Ts'o and Hodgson, represented the defendant Company.

Mr. Justice Wood delivered the following judgment for the defendant Company:

The plaintiff is a Chinese firm—The Wing Hung Cheong (hereinafter called the firm) and the defendant is a registered limited company—the Kong Ah Company Limited (hereinafter called the company). At all material times the parties were trading in neighbouring premises. The company was incorporated on December 29, 1926. It was a private company. Previously to this date, a firm styled the Kong Ah—had been in existence and the company was formed to take over its business. At present, the company having experienced financial difficulties, steps are in progress to replace the company by a new firm under the original name. Among the promoters of the company—of whom there were eight—was a person named Wong Taz-on. He was one of three prospective shareholders who signed the Memorandum of Association. Under the Articles of Association he became the first Secretary of the Company and was empowered to sign cheques and demand drafts for the Company. He also became a Director of the Company and was further appointed an Assistant Manager.

At all material times he was holding these positions in the company. Among his duties, he kept the account books of the company. The articles of the company provided for the appointment of (a) a managing director, and/or (b) a general manager. Wong Taz-on at any material time was not holding either of these offices. The general manager (Liu Wing-yuk) has attended these proceedings and has given evidence for the company.

#### \$29,000 Embezzlement.

On or about April 6, 1929, certain defalcations were traced to Wong Taz-on. He was, on that day, suspended from his various functions. Subsequently, he was prosecuted for embezzlement—the sum involved in the charges amounting to about \$29,000. He pleaded guilty, was convicted, and sentenced to imprisonment.

The facts leading up to this case are the following: The manager of the firm had been acquainted with Wong Taz-on for over two years as a neighbouring trader. He was aware that Wong Taz-on was exercising a certain authority in the affairs of the company, but he did not inform himself of Wong Taz-on's exact position in the company. On June 2, 1929, Wong Taz-on invited a loan of \$1,000 from the firm as a temporary accommodation to his company. This loan was made through Wong Taz-on's hand and was duly repaid on demand by Wong Taz-on. It appears that this sum was never in fact credited to the company by Wong Taz-on in its books. Wong Taz-on, in respect of this loan, issued a memorandum similar in character to the document referred to in the present case.

#### Loan Not Credited.

On March 21, 1929, Wong Taz-on applied to the firm for a further temporary loan to the company, requiring \$700. The manager of the firm acceded to this request. Wong Taz-on received this money and gave to the manager a document which I have classified as a memorandum and have admitted in evidence (though objection was raised to its admission as an unstamped receipt). This document bears the signature of Wong Taz-on and a chop of the company (which chop has been shown to have been in used in the bona fide money transactions of the company). This sum was not credited to the company in its books on the date on which the money was received. However, on April 6, after his suspension, Wong Taz-on, was invited to make corrections in his accounts and he made a series of entries under this latter date—one of which recorded the receipt of this sum on March 21. This sum has, in fact, never been applied to the use of the company. No other officer of the company was privy to the loan. In framing charges of embezzlement against Wong Taz-on no reference was made to this sum by the prosecuting company. On this transaction the firm here sues the company for money lent.

#### Acted in Good Faith.

It does not appear that the company at any time required to borrow money for its own purposes. Many difficulties have followed from Wong Taz-on's dishonesty. The general manager has stated in his evidence that the just debts of the company will in fact be paid. The firm has acted throughout in good faith. It is suggested for the firm that a precedent will be found in "Chan Shau-nam v. The Wing Hung Lung Firm" (1924, H.K.L.R., p. 1). It has been agreed that the affairs of the company, and of other similar companies, frequently also are conducted in all respects like the concerns of a partnership.

The plaintiff firm claims to succeed on the authority of that case. In that case a Chinese firm was held bound by the fraudulent borrowing of its manager, who was in sole charge of its chop. The Court there recognised a commercial custom by which managers of local Chinese trading firms were empowered by virtue of their positions to borrow money for the exigencies of their firm's business. I do not desire to dissent from this judgment. It becomes necessary therefore to consider whether the present case may be distinguished from the earlier case. In my opinion a distinction is not to be found in the relative positions of the two agents. In the earlier case the agent was a general manager. Here, he was secretary, assistant manager and a director. In both cases the agent held a chop and was substantially unsupervised.

#### Crucial Question.

The crucial question is whether, the fact that in the previous case the principal was a firm while here it is a registered company, involves new considerations.

Provided a proper authorisation is established in the agent, the principles of liability in an oral contract are the same for companies and for private persons (Companies Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 68 of 1911, section 78 (1) (3)).

The plaintiff firm has not alleged any express authority but attempts to derive an implied authority from the position which the agent was allowed by the company to occupy—an imposing conjunction of the offices, secretary, assistant manager and director—arguing further that, by the possession of the chop, the agent was able to do acts of the class to which the borrowing of money belonged. It is also rightly submitted that the dishonesty of the company's agent is irrelevant to the issue, whether his authority was or was not exceeded. (C. F. "Lloyd v. Grace Smith & Co.," 1912, A. C. 716).

The difficulty which the case for the plaintiff must meet is this: That the agent of a company, (in contrast to the agent of a partnership) possesses *prima facie* an authority of a limited kind, and any person transacting with such an agent proceeds at his own risk if he does not assure himself that

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these limits are not being exceeded.

#### Agent's Powers.

Persons dealing with the agent of a company are entitled to assume that he has all such powers as he purports to exercise, provided, and provided only, that they are such powers as, according to the constitution of the company, the particular agent can have.

The memorandum and Articles of Association of a registered company are public notice of their contents. The law relative to companies is deemed to be known by all parties who enter into relations with them. Enquiries which by law were here incumbent upon the plaintiff here would have disclosed the following facts: A power to borrow is possessed by the company (Memorandum of Association, clause 3D). Apart from this express power an emergency power in directors to borrow for the purposes of a trading company is recognised by the general law (as in "Gibbs and West's case," 10 Eq. cases at p. 319; Sir R. Malins, V. C. also "In re. Hamilton Windsor Iron Works; ex parte, "Pitman and Edwards," 12, Ch. D. 707; and other cases).

#### No Delegation Power.

Such power to borrow (unless otherwise provided) vests in the body of directors collectively and not in an individual director ("In re. Cunningham and Co. Ltd.," v. "Simpson's, Claim," 1887—36 Ch. D. 532).

By the Articles of Association of the defendant company (Art. 6, 1) the power to manage the affairs of the business of the company is assigned to Mr. Liu Wing-yuk, the general manager, without power of delegation.

As secretary of the company, the fraudulent agent had no power to borrow for the company.

Thus, the plaintiff would have discovered that neither as an individual director nor yet as assistant manager, with delegated powers from the general manager, nor yet as a secretary, had the fraudulent agent any authority under the constitution of the company to borrow money in its name.

Judgment for Defendant.  
The same considerations apply to any claims based by the plaintiff on the ground of estoppel.

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In my opinion, for the above reasons, this claim fails. I give judgment for the defendant company with costs. I have had the advantage in this case of full and able legal argument on both sides. Very many authorities have been considered, but it has seemed to me to serve no useful purpose to state my reasons at any greater length.

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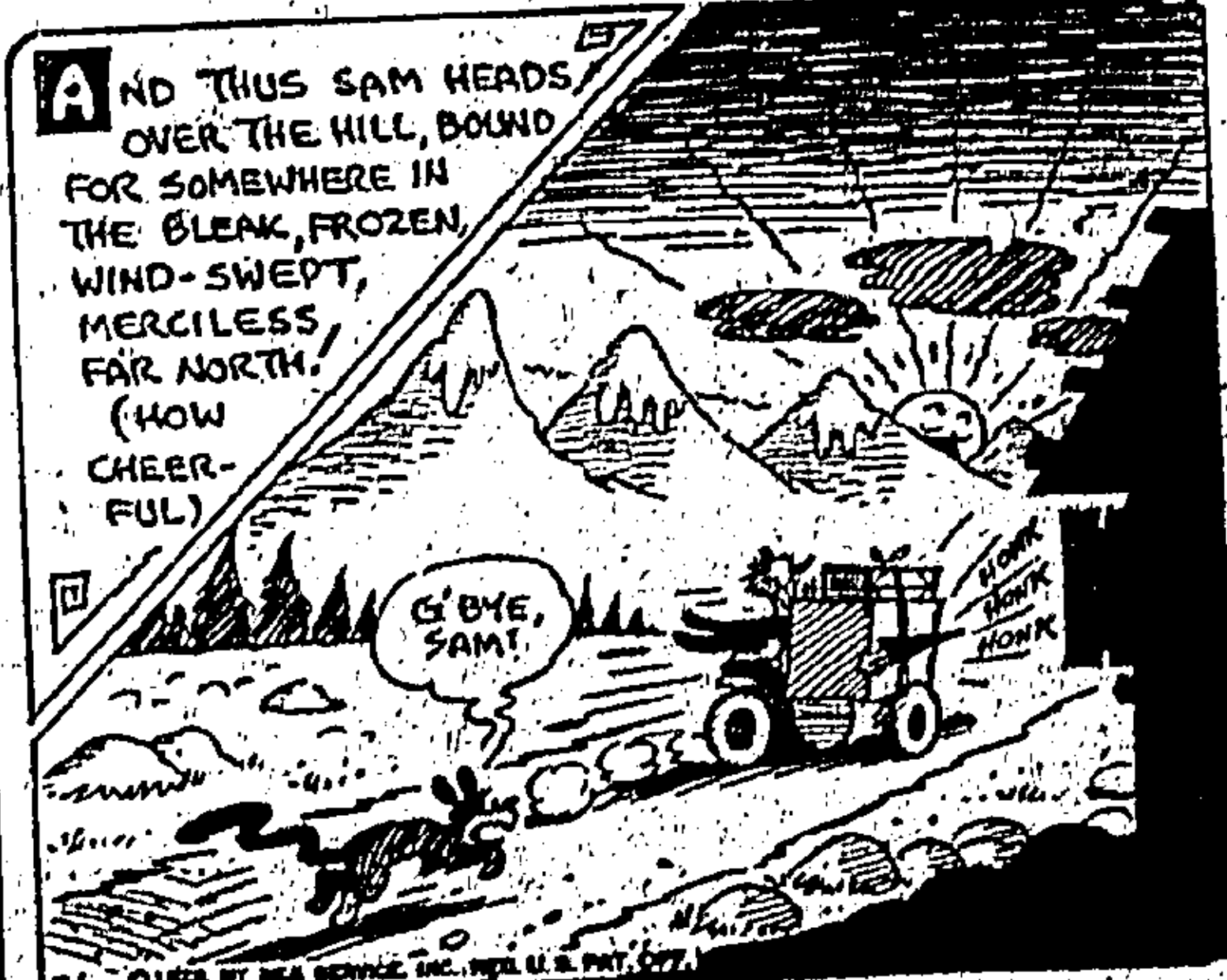
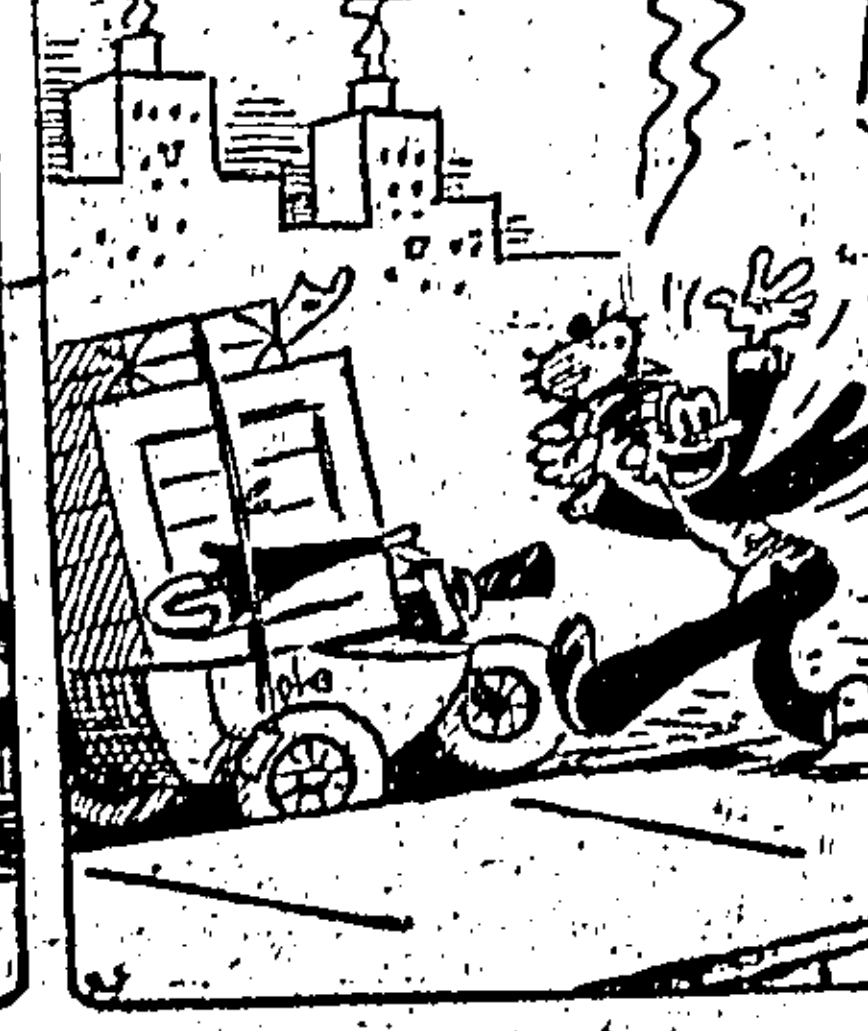


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NORTH LAND! UP WHERE THERE  
AIN'T NO GRASS, BUT THE  
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WHERE'S GUZZ, RED?

WELL, C'MON, HELP ME PACK  
THIS BOX ON TH' MOTORCYCLE  
THEN I'M OFF— TELL HIM  
I SAID GOODBYE—

BYE, KITTY—S' LONG, RED!  
I'LL SEND YA BOTH AN  
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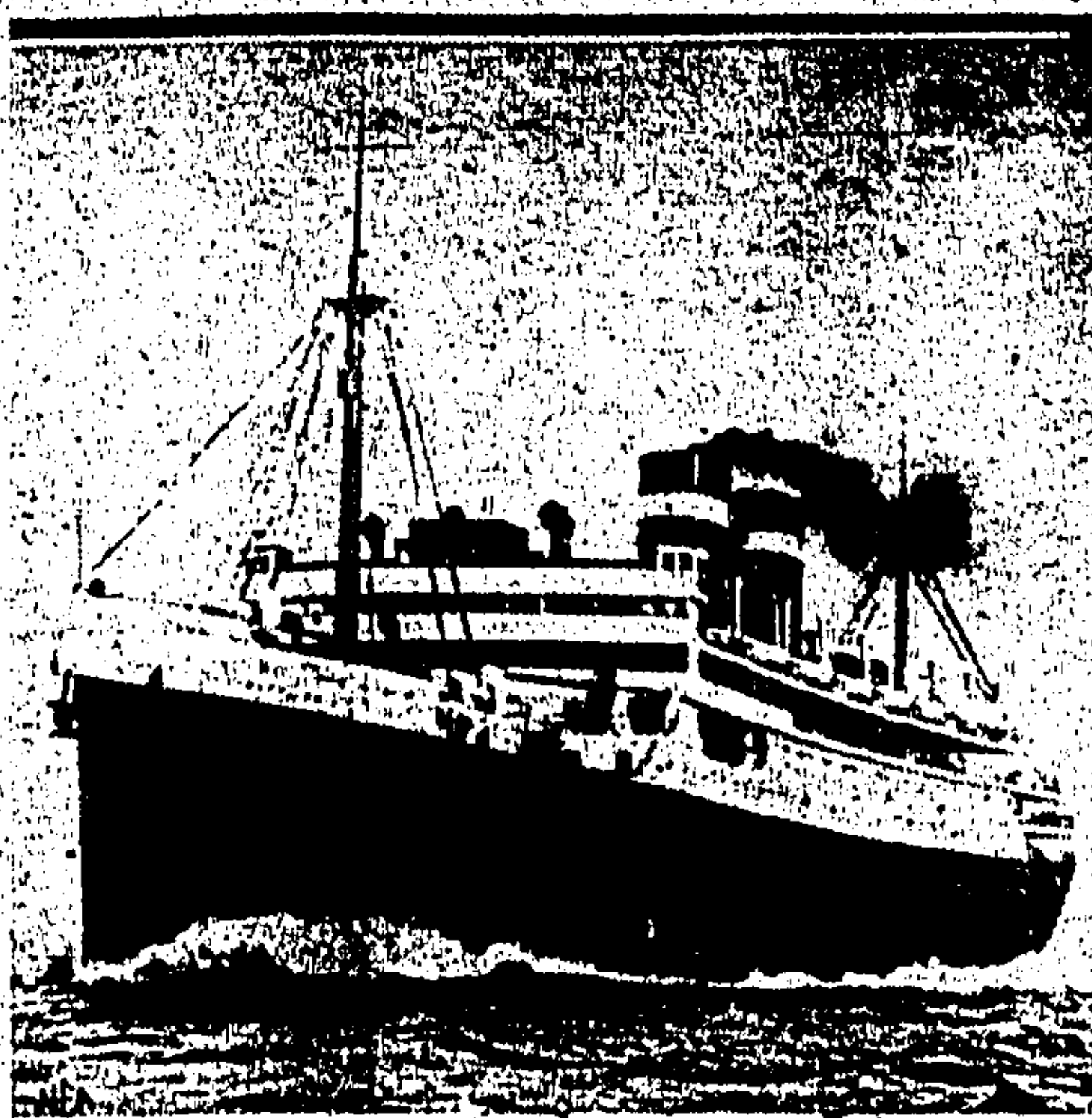
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Our picture shows the Ohio State Limited, "crack" passenger express derailed near Cincinnati. Rails were ripped for approximately 200 feet, the engine turned over, and cars and Pullmans jumped the tracks.



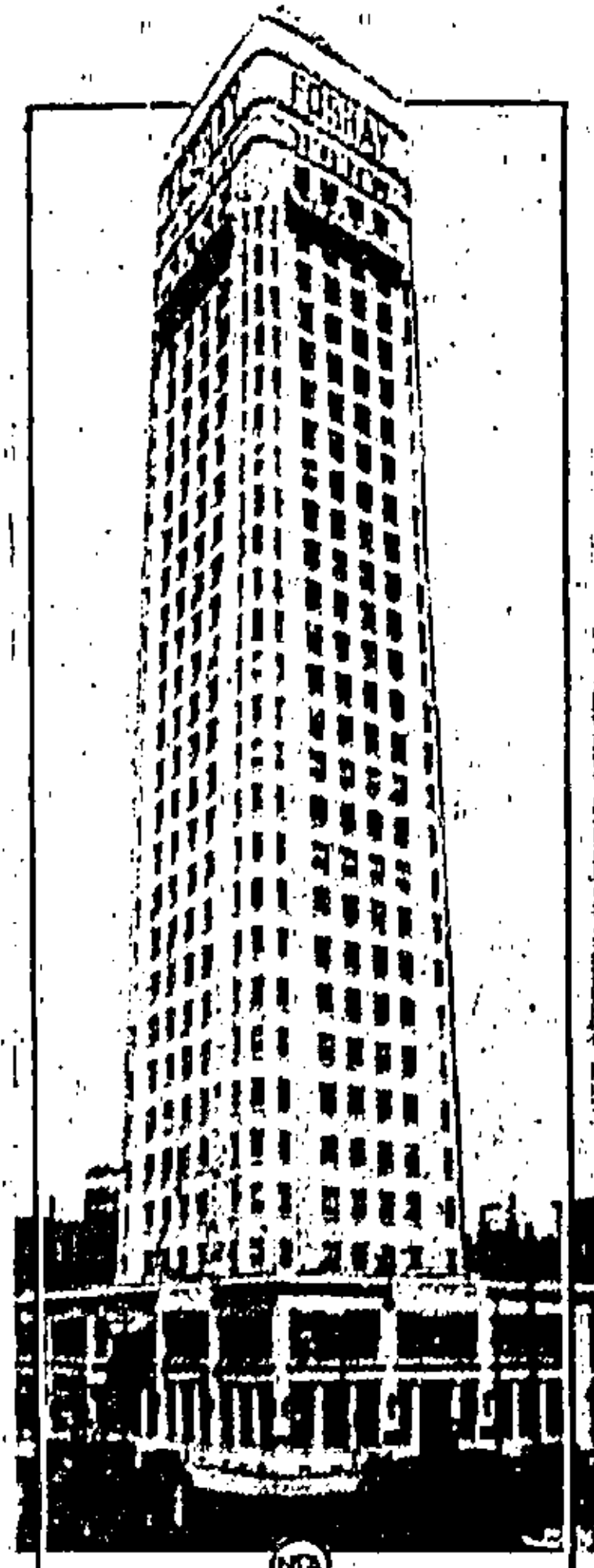
Above is the Pennsylvania, the largest vessel ever built in the United States. She is electrically-driven, and runs from New York to San Francisco.



Lord Thomson, the Air Minister, is shown above boarding the R.101 recently preparatory to a trial spin.



Swirling floods menaced Georgia recently while hundreds of men worked frantically on the levees of the Savannah to keep the stream within its banks. At the top is a striking aerial view of the floods at Augusta, showing the raging water at the level of a highway bridge and a railroad span. Lower right, workmen are shown working at top speed to bolster the levee with sand-bags. Lower left is an inundated residential section of Augusta.



The newly-completed Foshay Tower at Minneapolis is pictured above. It is thirty-two storeys.



Members of the staff and the guards of China Airways Federal Incorporated standing in front of one of the company's Pooning Amphibians used on the Shanghai-Hankow route of the National Aviation Corporation.



The wreckage of a Goodyear "baby blimp" which was snatched from the grip of a ground crew by a sudden gust of wind. The sole pilot, Charles Brannigan (inset) somehow escaped unhurt.



Group taken after the wedding at St. Martin's Church, Leeds, of Mr. Macdonald Tweedie and Miss Phyl Betry. Mr. and Mrs. Tweedie, former residents in the Far East are seated on the right.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

M.C.L. Victoria Branch. Mrs. H. A. Taylor's raffle for one set of table mats has been won by ticket No. 43, (Miss Burnett).

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th December will be subject to rent.

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In consequence of this decision, the date for payment of the first instalment of \$1 per share in respect of the Additional Shares has now been postponed from 2nd January, 1930, to 6th February, 1930, in the case of shareholders whose registered address is in the Colony of Hong Kong or the Far East. In the case of shareholders outside the Far East, the date for payment has been postponed from 2nd April, 1930, to 2nd May, 1930. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 11th January, 1930, to Saturday, 14th January, 1930, both days inclusive.

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General Managers, Hongkong, 12th December, 1929.

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Information has now been received from Karachi confirming the total loss of the bag of Air-mail forwarded from Hongkong on 4th October. From 15th December to 5th January inclusive radiotelegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted for transmission to Canada and the United States of America. For rates and other particulars apply to the Radio Telegraph Office.

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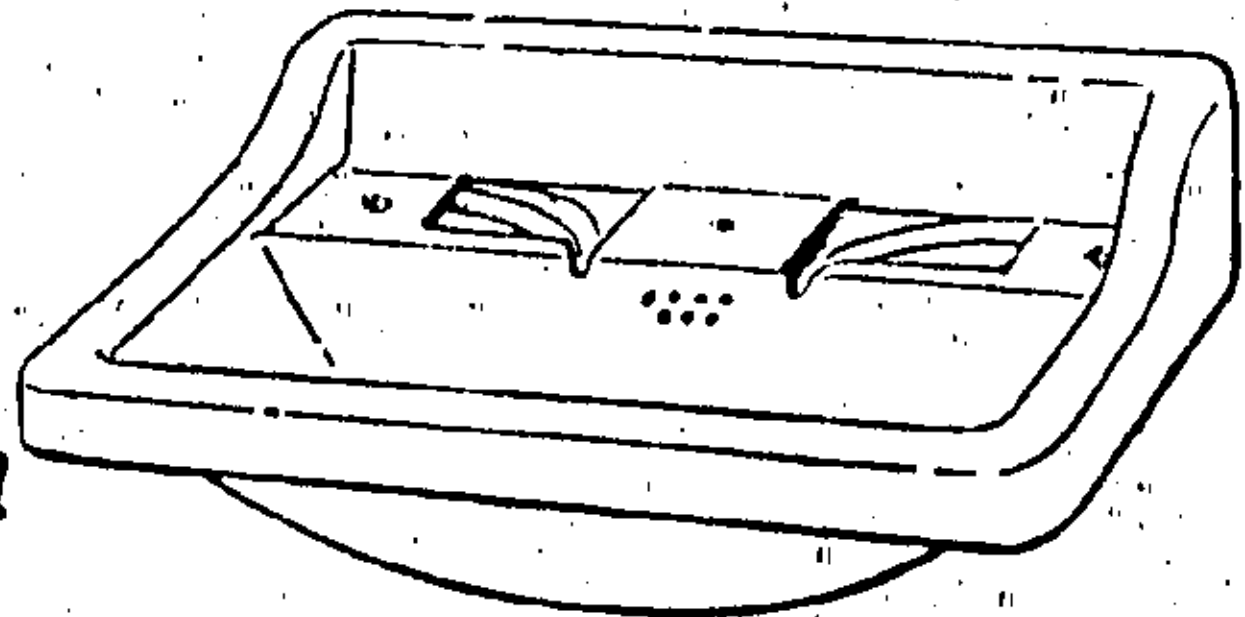
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## WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Pillows, Too, Go Modernistic in Colours and designs.

Venice, Italy.—Sofa pillows are the latest articles to be touched by the magic wand of modern art. Old-fashioned patchwork is made contemporary, under the name of "applique embroidery." Both in Italy and France "applique embroidery" is used in many varied ways by the leading decorators.

Curtains, wall panels, bed and sofa covers and now pillows are made entirely of "applique embroidery." The design is done with as much care as if it were a painting. Well-known artists design the picture and designate the colours to be used in a given "portrait" or "scene." Applique embroidery carries out the design faithfully and the result is a colourful bit of art, comparable to an oil painting in the lights and shadows of its rich colouring.

### Achieving Contrast

Varied kinds of silks are used to produce contrasts and enhance certain effects. Different embroidery stitches join the bits of silk. It is charming pick-up work for a woman with leisure and the production of one of these pillows can give her the same joy of artistic expression as can a composition on canvas.

The Italian artist, Aurelio Chiernini, has designed several applique embroidery pillows that have received such acclaim as to be exhibited at the International Exhibition here.

Naïve and quaint is the Madonna, made of exquisitely soft colours against a background of silver lame. The Madonna's face is egg-shell satin, her garments lustrous steel blue, and both hers and the bambino's head-dresses are of gold, while the little one's hands and feet are gleaming flesh coloured. There are seven or eight different embroidery stitches working out their features, their decorations and the little chapel in the background. Such details as the expression of the mouth, the finger nails and hair are exquisitely done.

### "A Lady With a Veil."

Another pillow by the same artist is "A Lady With a Veil." It is very modern, both in its execution and the amusing picture it makes. Scotch plaid satin head-dress and kerchief are very decorative against a beige velvet background. The full puff sleeves and the bodice of her frock are several shades of green. Her lips are heavily rouged. Chenille pompons and fancy ribbons are cleverly applied to give her that picture in plain tones, also. These veils for which the picture is named. One eye is mysteriously veiled. The other eye is fascinatingly revealed, and somewhat elongated and penetrating in its gaze because of the mascara lashes, done in silk!

The modish thing is to have embroidery against a modernistic one picture pillow of applique sofa done in plain tone, with any other pillows in plain tones, also. These veils for which the picture is named. One eye is mysteriously veiled. The other eye is fascinatingly revealed, and somewhat elongated and penetrating in its gaze because of the mascara lashes, done in silk!

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Two applique embroidery pillows designed by the Italian artist, Aurelio Chiernini, received great acclaim when exhibited in the International Exhibition in Venice, Italy. Above: The Madonna and Child, with a chapel in the background. Below: The lady with a Veil, a very modern pillow with its quaintly humorous expression.

### Smart Shoes.

OF REPTILE SKIN WITH KID TRIMMINGS.

"The most fashionable shoes worn this winter will be those of reptile skins, both real and imitation, trimmed with insertions of kid to match," prophesied the manager of an important firm exhibiting at the Shoe and Leather Fair, which was recently held at the Royal Agricultural Hall.

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karung and Java lizard were shown.

### 120 Different Markings.

In addition to the many examples of real skin, hundreds of imitation reptile skins were shown at numerous stalls. One hundred and twenty different markings, of which twelve are new this year, were exhibited on one stand. Crushed skins, chiefly Java lizard, are expected to sell well. These have a smooth and shiny surface.

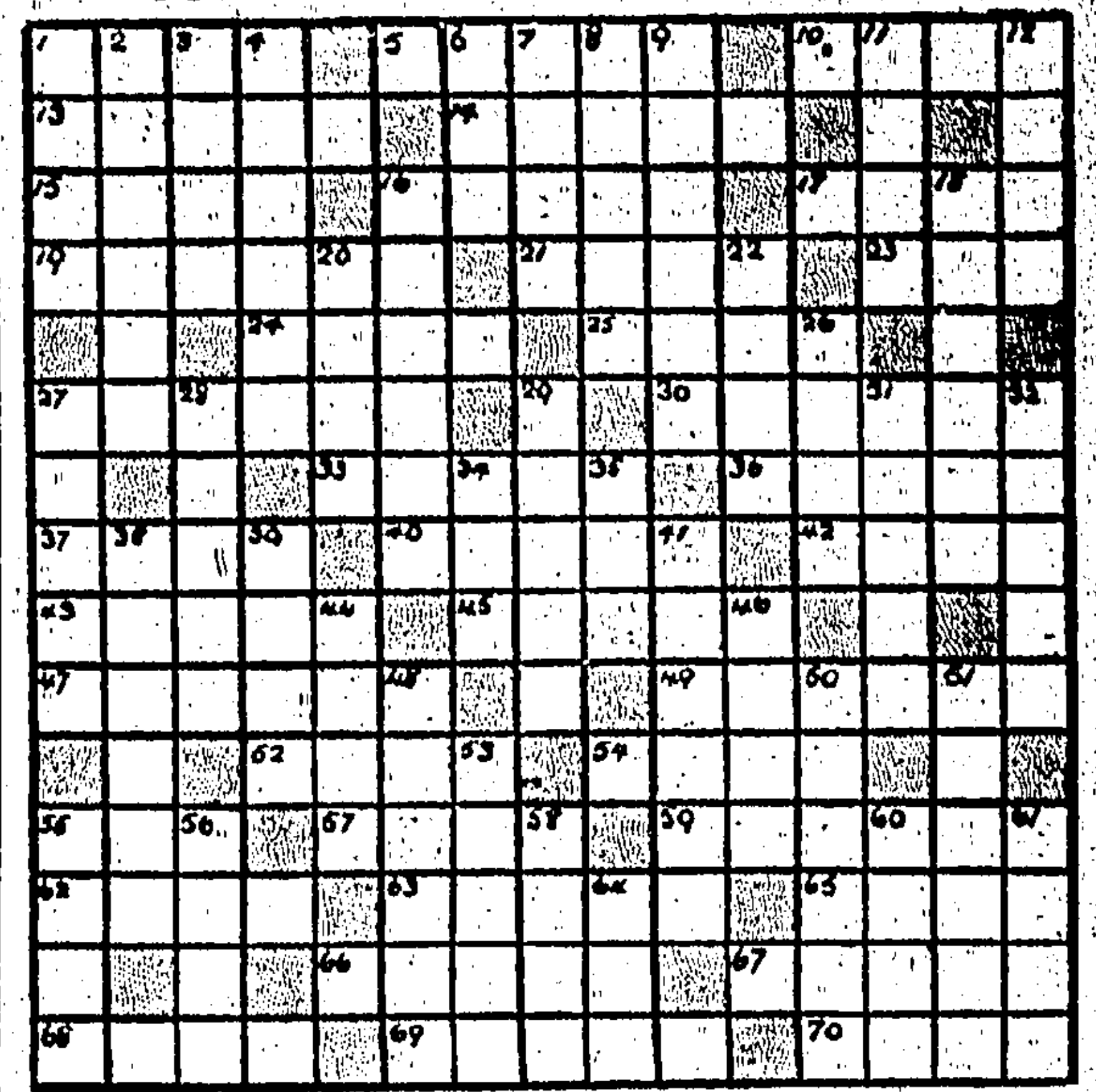
The pearl or iridescent finish to real and imitation lizard skins, which is often seen on shoes worn by French women, is slowly coming into favour again. The pearl essence which is used in the final process gives the shoes a very bright sheen.

### Cheap Imitations.

The cost of a pair of shoes made from goat skin, dyed and stamped in imitation of a reptile, should be infinitely cheaper than the real article. The manager of one stall declared that a 12-inch Java lizard skin costs the shoe manufacturer 1s. 3d. per inch, measuring across the body, while the imitation skin costs only 1s. 3d. per square foot. Calf skin, used in imitation of python skin, is half the price of the latter.

A further convenience of the goat or calf skin is the larger area available for cutting out. Five Indian lizard skins have to be utilised in the manufacture of one pair of shoes, while two or even three pairs of shoes can be cut from a goat skin dyed and stamped to imitate the Indian lizard.

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Across

- 1 Stump.
- 5 Youngest son.
- 10 Viscous.
- 13 Doctrine.
- 14 Challenges.
- 15 Skills.
- 16 Grieve.
- 17 Part of the ear.
- 19 Cave.
- 21 Wagons.
- 23 Cry like a cat.
- 24 Propel a boat.
- 25 Lairs.
- 27 Animals of shrimp family.
- 30 Garden flower.
- 33 Class.
- 36 Commodities.
- 37 On top.
- 40 Pertaining to law.
- 42 Worries.
- 43 Knots.
- 45 Common fluid.
- 47 Robs.
- 48 Bashful.
- 52 Tax.
- 54 Rodent animal.
- 55 Encountered.
- 57 Dam.
- 59 Required.
- 62 Dry.
- 63 Casts out.
- 65 Small horse.
- 66 Malice.
- 67 Affray.
- 68 Musical instrument.
- 69 Guide.
- 70 Headland.

Down

- 1 Deer.
- 2 Fright.
- 3 To.
- 4 Give.
- 6 Mother.
- 7 Beamers.
- 8 Went astray.
- 9 Tabernacle.

- 11 Show large in fog.
- 12 Ruffed.
- 16 Tit-bit.
- 18 Close-to.
- 20 Twang.
- 22 Projecting stump.
- 26 Pomp.
- 27 Schenck.
- 28 Residence.
- 29 Sweet substance.
- 31 Untied.
- 32 Available for debt repayment.
- 34 Fresh.
- 35 Was scared.
- 38 Reel.
- 39 Fuel.
- 41 Fruits.
- 44 Not quick.
- 46 Character represented.
- 48 Dozen.
- 50 Intensity.
- 51 Vistas.
- 53 Extremely.
- 55 Post.
- 56 Row.
- 58 Ceremonial.
- 60 Grief.
- 61 Colours.
- 64 Starting point in golf.

Yesterday's Solution.



### POLICE COURT CONFUSION.

#### SORTING OUT BATCH OF WOMEN TRESPASSERS.

The lot of Police Court attendants is by no means an easy one, and those who fulfil these duties in Mr. E. W. Hamilton's court, at the Central Magistracy, were given a rather harassing time this morning by seven women, who displayed reluctance to answer to their names when charged with trespassing on a Government plantation at Hatton Road, and an even greater hesitancy in revealing their ages.

After the women had been called, the interpreter tried patiently to arrange them in proper order, but such a long time was taken in doing this, that Mr. Hamilton remarked:—"The next time you have a case of this nature, sort these people out before bringing them in here."

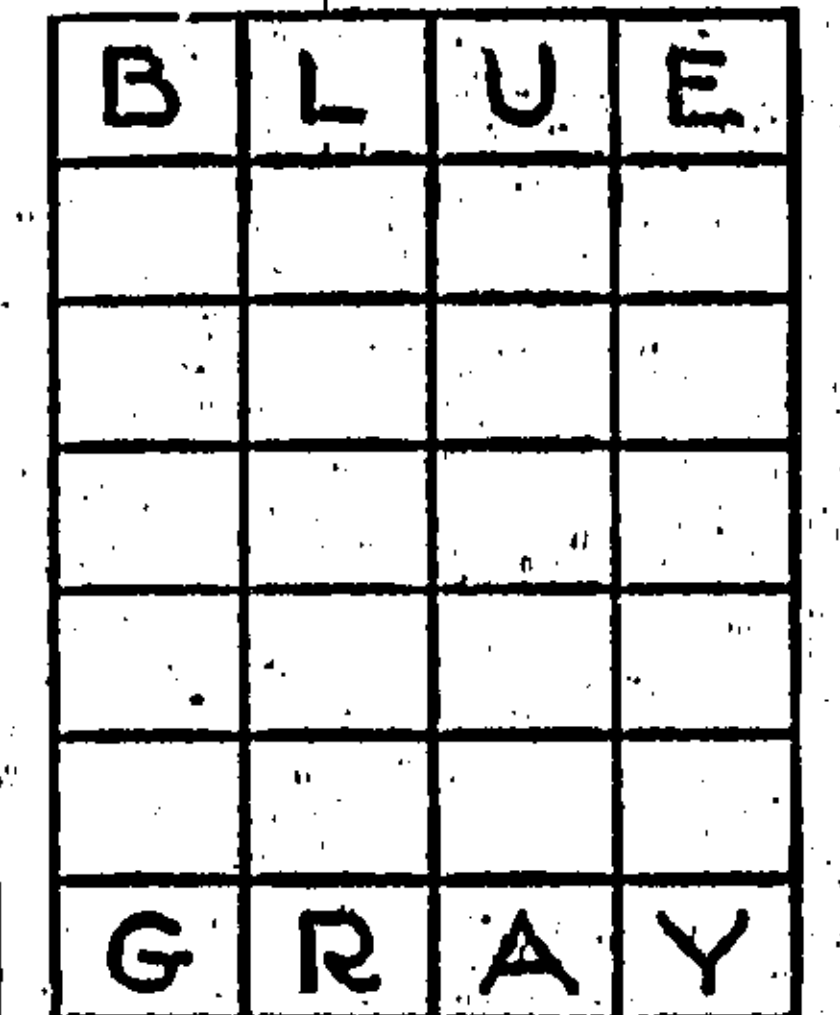
The charges against the women were proved, and each was fined \$5 or 10 days.

Subsequent to this case, three other women were charged with a similar offence, and the Magistrate made the eustic comment that the Court attendants might probably make a mess of the case.

Two of the defendants were old women and were discharged, but the younger accused was fined \$5.

### LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf puzzle is one that you'll just dye to do—change BLUE to GRAY in six.



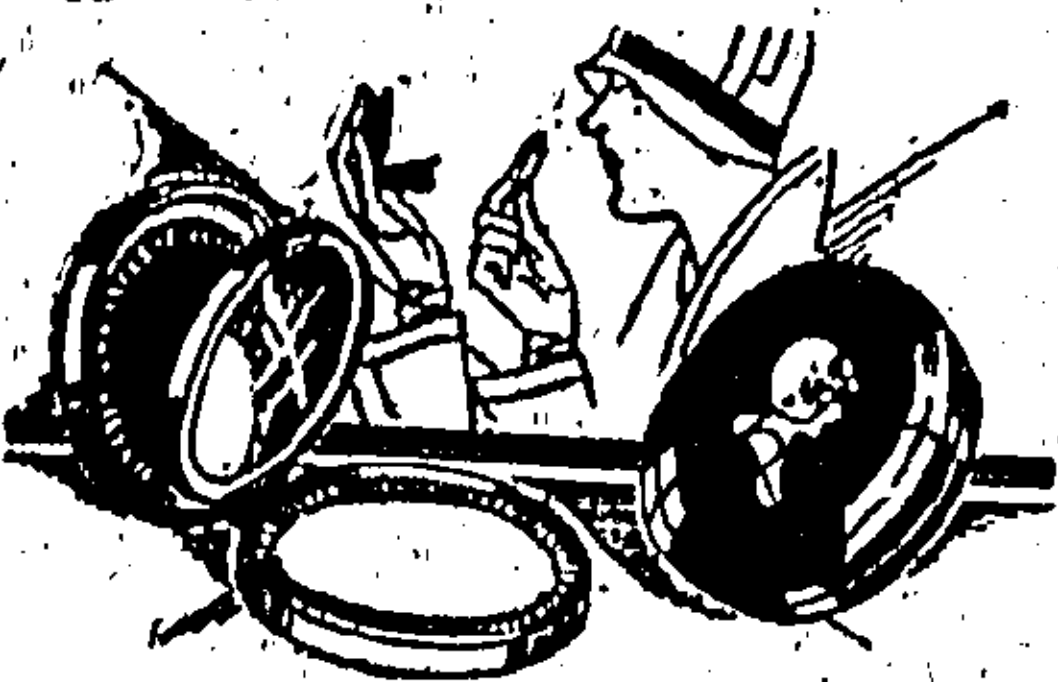
1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in six, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.  
One solution is printed on another page.

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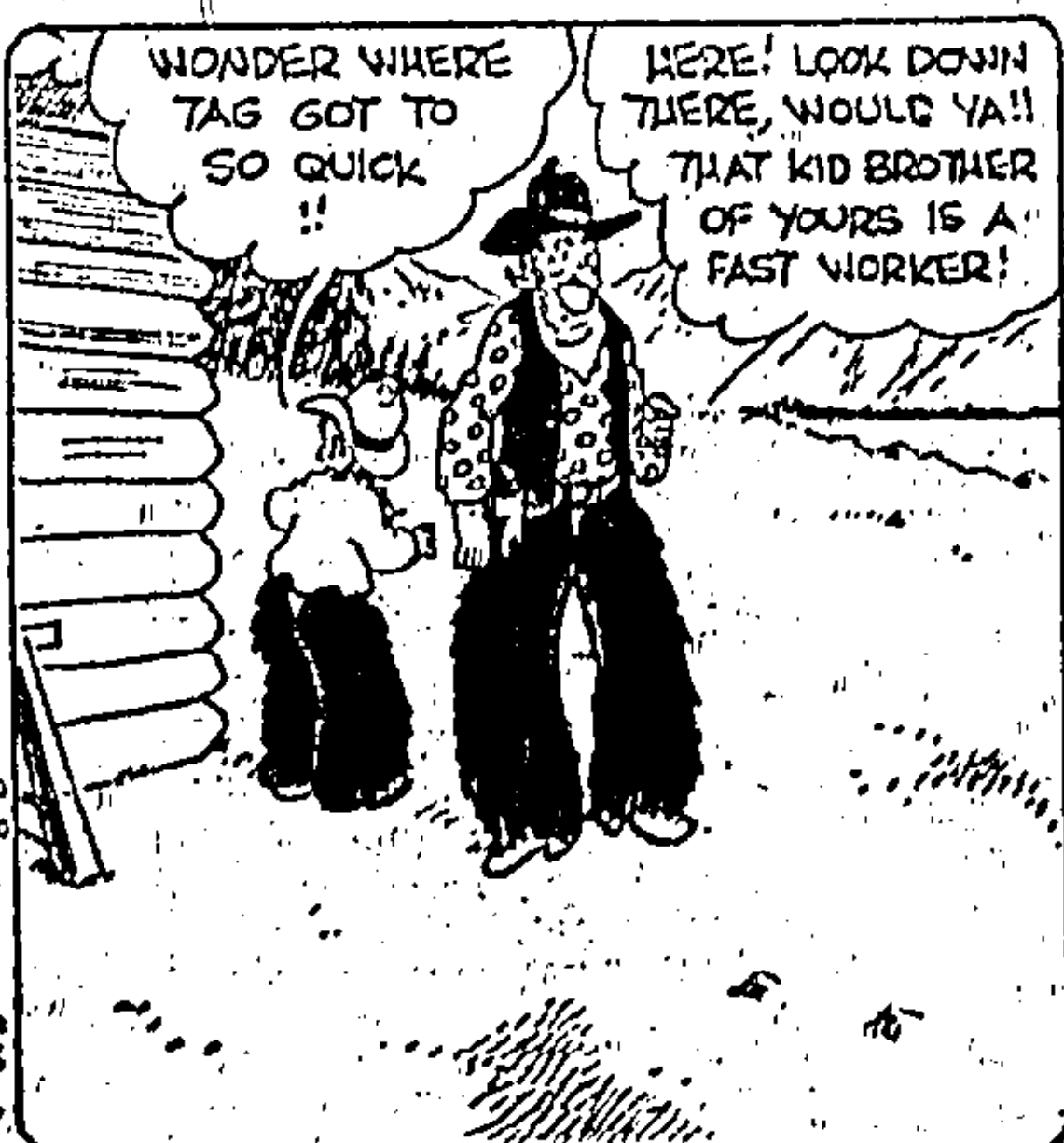


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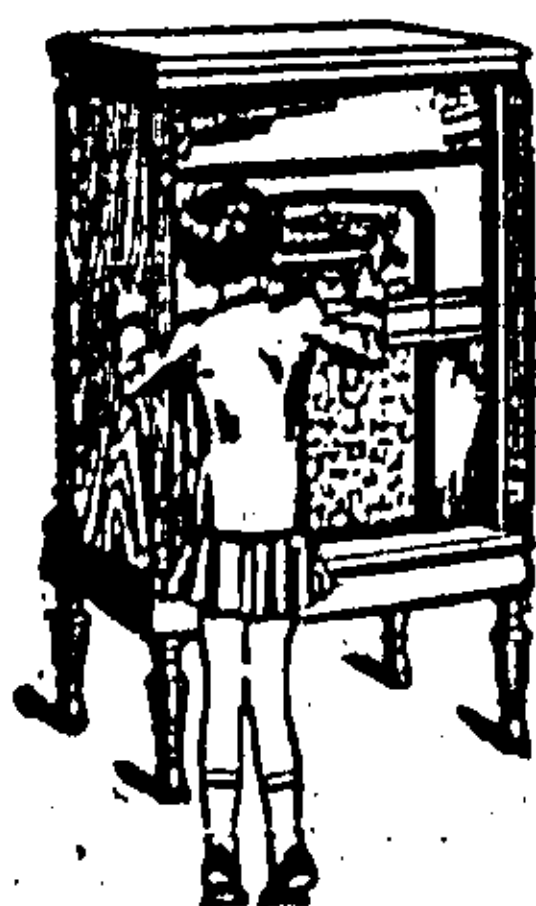
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THURSDAY DEC. 12, 1929.

### GALLANT SEAMEN.

In conveying to the captain, officers and crew of the R.M.S. Hatching an expression of its admiration at the gallantry shown by them in repelling the piratical attack on that vessel, the Admiralty has paid a graceful and well-deserved tribute to the men who came through the ordeal with flying colours. No doubt in due course, there will be some tangible recognition of the bravery of those who held the pirates at bay and thus frustrated what might easily have been a major catastrophe. It is well to remember, also, that anxiety was not confined to the actual attempted piracy, for, even when this was overcome, there remained the fresh danger caused by the fire on board, and, after that was averted, the bringing of the crippled boat into port. Throughout all the weary and trying hours covered by these events, master and officers alike upheld the highest traditions of the British Mercantile Marine. One point which the affair has served to illustrate is the close connexion and the happy relations which exist between the Navy and the Mercantile Marine. In outwitting the pirates and in coping with the outbreak of fire, both co-operated most effectively, whilst the giving of a full naval funeral to the lamented Third Officer may be taken as the Navy's heartfelt tribute to one who laid down his life in defence of his ship. Finally, the commendatory message from the Admiralty puts the seal on the Navy's appreciation of the bravery of all who were responsible for circumventing the pirates' intentions.

Now that the full details of the affair are well known, it is only right that we should turn for a moment to the terrible ordeal through which Captain Farrar and his men were compelled to go, so that a just appreciation of their gallantry and resourcefulness may be kept in mind. Of the magnificent resistance which was put up from the bridge, and, when that no longer became tenable, from such sheltered positions as the defenders could command, much has already been written. No praise is too high for this initial opposition, which was without doubt the primary factor in the frustration of the piratical designs. But, as we have said, the battle was not won even then, for the horrors of fire soon added to the gravity of the situation. Through it all, however, Captain

Farrar and his gallant little band of officers stood firm and undaunted. Then came the task of bringing back the crippled vessel, and it was here that real seamanship, in the face of tremendous difficulties, was displayed. With the bridge nothing but a mass of tangled ironwork and the steering-gear out of action, it is not difficult to realise the immensity of the task, but by hand-steering, with four men at the wheel, and with whistle signals to the engine-room in the absence of the regular telegraph, the feat was finally accomplished and the ill-fated boat brought safely to port. Thus ended a day such as those who went through it will never hope to experience again. Those of us whose lot is cast ashore, we fear, think too little of the risks which are daily run by those who go down to the sea in ships, but it is well that on an occasion of this sort our indebtedness to the men of the Mercantile Marine should be emphasised. It is with this thought in mind that we offer our tribute, inadequate though it is, to those who saw the Hatching piracy through.

### Naval Locarno?

The somewhat startling suggestion made in the Daily Herald last month that France and Italy might be induced to accept naval parity in the Mediterranean by an undertaking on the part of Britain to throw her full naval weight against the aggressor in the event of war between France and Italy, has caused considerable discussion. The Conservative Press, naturally, has seized upon the story rapturously, laid great stress on the fact that the newspaper in question is the official organ of the present Labour Government, in an attempt to show that the suggestion had been officially inspired. The fuss made, in fact, has been overdone and has defeated its own object. There is serious reason to believe that the proposals—which would involve a sort of "Naval Locarno"—originally came from French sources, and unofficial ones at that. The French would naturally welcome any such scheme. The guarantee would enable a reduction of expense to France in the Mediterranean, enable a reduction of her submarine strength, even though it would not affect her complete hostility to the abolition of submarines. It is impossible to believe, however, that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Administration would even consider a treaty likely to embroil Britain in a dispute between the two Latin nations, though in the event of such a war, the participation of the British Navy would in itself decide the issue. The suggestion may be regarded as another example of the jockeying for position among the Powers taking part in the London Conference next month. Italy, for instance, has announced that she is no longer opposed to the abolition of submarines. Probably Italy is quite sincere, but she does not believe for one moment that France and Japan will give way on this issue. Britain slows up the Singapore Base and President Hoover makes some comment regarding foodships in time of war. That the purpose of these announcements is to sound opinion there can be little doubt. They also suggest that the five-power conference is being taken really seriously by all concerned, in which event, the prospects of success may be regarded as bright.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 11.
Paris	123.00
Brussels	123.00
Amsterdam	12.00
Berlin	18.15
Copenhagen	18.15
Vienna	18.15
Helsingfors	104.25
Lisbon	104.25
Bucharest	104.25
Buenos Aires	40 7/8
Shanghai	2 1/2
Yokohama	2 1/2
New York	48 1/2
Geneva	93.25
Milan	18.00
Stockholm	18.00
Oslo	18.00
Prague	18.00
Madrid	18.00
Athens	18.00
Rio	18.00
Bombay	18.00
Hongkong	18.00
Silver (spot)	22 1/2
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

—British Wireless.

### MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

"The Geisha"—Some November Records—A Quaint Letter—"Listeners-In."

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

On Saturday next the Philharmonic Society are producing "The Geisha." Whatever criticism may have been made as to their choice of this musical comedy, the Society have sufficient reasons for selecting it in preference to others, and at all events it will be a change from the Gilbert and Sullivan and Edward German light operas to which they have confined themselves for five years. The Society lost money on its production of "Tom Jones" last year, and if "The Geisha" does not put a different complexion on the balance-sheet, the Society may be handicapped too severely to enable it to produce plays again. One of the reasons why the receipts for "Tom Jones" did not come up to expectations was that people did not trouble to book well in advance, and many left it too late, so that the last two performances were packed out, many being unable to obtain admission, whereas some of the earlier houses had not been half full.

For the sake of the Society, which requires eight good houses to make the show a real financial success, it is hoped that the booking will be more evenly divided this time and that people will not leave their booking until they have been able to get the first, second, third and fourth night impressions of the play from their friends. Unfortunately, Saturday, Dec. 21st, which would have been the last night, has to be omitted owing to the Theatre being booked by the enterprising Boy Scouts, so the last performance has to be given on Monday, Dec. 23rd. Perhaps the two days rest will enable the performers to excel themselves on that occasion. Another innovation is that the first night is on Saturday instead of a Friday. As the Friday happens to be the 13th, this circumstance may have proved too much for their nerves!

In order to make up for this last day, the Society is giving shows on five consecutive nights, including the day of the matinee. It will be a strain for all concerned, following many weeks of rehearsals when the players have hardly ever reached home before midnight, and it is hoped that the public will come up to scratch and give full support to this endeavour to put the Philharmonic Society on its feet again. Do not forget to book early and thus help to spread the attendance over the eight performances.

Many "songs of our childhood" appear in "The Geisha," and probably some people will recognise ditties which they did not realize belonged to this play. "Jack's the Boy for Work," "The Amorous Goldfish," "The Toy Monkey," "Star of my Soul" and "Chon Kina" were very popular once upon a time.

It is important that those who have questioned the advisability of producing "The Geisha" in China, should bear in mind and if necessary inform their Chinese friends that the play represents what Westerners of 1890 thought about Easterners, and even in their day it was supposed to be a farce. The farcical nature of the play is of course intensified for those who have lived out here, and the Japanese portrayed in it, and Wun-Hi the pig-tailed ten-house keeper, are so unlike the modern characters of these nationalities that I feel sure our Chinese and Japanese friends, far from finding cause for offence, will get as much fun out of it as the Westerners.

The thanks of the public are due to the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., for allowing their talented Queen's Theatre conductor, M. Bakaleinikoff, to come along, and conduct "The Geisha." Although this action has involved some inconvenience to them, they have shown much sympathy in helping the Philharmonic Society out of a difficulty, and I hope that the nature of their assistance will become known to everyone.

The prominence given to the records of Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto in the last Jottings precluded any reference to the other arrivals. A re-recording of Tachakowsky's "Pathetic" Symphony on cheap discs by Columbia is worth noting. The whole effect is more muffled than one is inclined to expect in Tachakowsky's works; it sounds as though it were being played in the next building, but there are many who prefer a re-recording like that. Another re-recording was Schumann's "A minor Quartet," which may appeal to some, though it always seems to me that Schumann was in no more in his ideal element in writing for strings only than in scoring for orchestra—his best works are those in which the piano plays a part. In lighter vein, the "Memories" of Paul Rubens, Ivan Caryll and Lionel Monckton were among the records of the month. The best Columbia dance one I heard was the fox-trot "I love you

### DAY BY DAY.

THE MORAL AMELIORATION OF MAN CONSTITUTES THE CHIEF MISSION OF WOMAN.—Auguste Comte.

Five Chinese cases of small-pox and one of diphtheria were notified yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Jeypore, from Singapore, is due here at daylight to-morrow.

A Chinese who was banished for five years in June last was sentenced to eight months hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The police are holding a fancy dress carnival dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Monday, December 16, from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Passengers leaving by the s.s. Persus on Tuesday included Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Preece, Mr. A. J. Pilgrim, Mr. N. H. Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. C. Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hodges.

Three mistresses and two masters of cargo boats pleaded guilty when charged before Mr. T. W. H. Hosgood at the Marine Court this morning with lying in wait during prohibited hours and were fined \$3 each.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Asia this morning were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stone, Mr. F. A. Wells, Col. and Mrs. Exham, Mr. J. A. Plummer, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall.

The Samoan Dancers gave a performance in the Canton Club Theatre at Shumee on Tuesday night to a full house. They received a most enthusiastic welcome and their excellent and original performance delighted all present.

Passengers who arrived by the s.s. Change from Australia yesterday included Dr. F. C. Panton, Dr. R. Kelly, Miss J. McKie, Mr. J. Amherst, Mrs. M. Maloney, Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Dunlop, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Ryder, Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Barton, Mrs. M. Paul, Mrs. E. K. van Someren and Mr. S. Coleman.

Hongkong estate worth \$1,300 was left by Nuno Madeira Pinto, who died intestate at No. 201, Rua D. Estefania, Lisbon, on January 21, 1926. Deceased was a judge by profession. Letters of administration have been granted to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Deacons, who is the attorney of Major Jayme Madeira Pinto, of Lisbon, deceased's brother.

Mr. J. M. Hall appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on behalf of three roast-pork dealers who were charged with selling fresh pork in a place other than at a market. In applying for a remand, Mr. Hall intimated that the issue would rest on whether the defendants had licences and whether they were entitled by their licences to sell outside the limits of the market. The hearing was fixed for next Thursday.

all from Bitter Sweet, with a good wait on the other side.

For once, Galli-Curci really "gets away with it" in *Je suis Titania* (Victor). The recording is excellent and you can hear what she says. As regards the Victor dance records, *Too Wonderful for Words* is good for dancing to, and *Bigger and Better than Ever* is quite a hit though I dislike *Bottoms Up* on the other side. *Steppin' Along* also is quite good.

We get occasional examples of "English as she is wrote" out here, but the following epistle received by Keith Prowse and Co., London, from someone in Benoni would take a lot of beating:—  
"Dear Sir,—His Master's Voice—Will you please so quickly with his Master's voice, with a three records are the natives songs very nice. Double sided I am very wished with organ Record. I recover £2. 0. 0 in Registered Mack haste Dear Sir for this ender week—Yours faithfully, Yours Miserable person, From M—B—B—G."

Some time ago I was taken to task by a correspondent for using the word "listener-in" when commenting on wireless matters. This was held to show how completely out of date and ignorant I was; in fact I was supposed to be piling up ridicule for myself by using it. When I picked up my best issue of *The Gramophone* and read an article on "Some Radio Experiences—and Some Advice" I found, that no less a person than Hermann Klein, is writing about "listeners-in." In this year of grace, 1929 and in the heart of the radio-world, London, Hermann Klein had better bring his terms up to date, otherwise he will be laying himself open to criticism from Hongkong.

## The Very Idea!

Motor-car bandits who raided a fur store in the Promenade, Wood Green, early one recent morning, were "held up" by a wax model wearing an expensive coat.

Mrs. Smith, the proprietress of the store, said that she was awakened by the sound of breaking glass.

"Looking out of the window," she said, "I saw three men wrestling with a wax model on the pavement."

"One of the arms was bent upwards, and they were unable to disengage the coat, which they tore to shreds in trying to remove it."

"Although I was scared out of my wits, I could not help seeing the humour of the situation."

"Two policemen came running up, and one threw his truncheon at the traders, but missed. The men jumped into the car and drove off."

Earlier in the night motor bandits raided Harrods, in Brompton-road, and a shop in Powis-street, Woolwich, in each case valuable furs being stolen.

At a fine art dealer's recently opened in a City street there is a very fine display of pictures in the windows. Amongst them is a copy of

"WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER?" REDUCED TO 3/6.

A Paris correspondent sends to a Home paper a charming incident which is not without its moral. A doctor's wife, who had been giving evidence in a law-suit at Visoul, near Nancy, fell as she was going down the stairs of the law courts and twisted her ankle badly. Carried into the concierge's lodge, she was waiting there in great pain for a hospital ambulance when a modestly dressed woman entered, rubbed and pulled her ankle slightly. She then found she could get up and walk without difficulty. The modest woman who had effected the cure refused all remuneration. She was a country bone-setter, she explained, and it was sufficient honour for her to have cured the wife of one of the enemies of her kind, doctors, by the practice of her illicit art within the precincts of the Palais de Justice.

Stranger in London: "Can you tell me how I can get to the Elephant and Castle?"

Boy: "Get on a bus to the Circus and then change into an Elephant."

During the voyage a determined-looking woman approached one of the ship's officers. "Can I see the captain?" she asked.

"Yes, mum," was the reply. "I think you'll find him forward." "Oh—is he?" she said. "Well—he'll be sorry if he starts any of his games with me!"

The annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association is to be held at 5.15 p.m., on Wednesday, 18th December, in St. John's Cathedral Hall. The meeting will receive and adopt the annual report and statement of accounts, and elect the President, Vice President, Hon. Treasurer, and Council for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the meeting the members of the Council will elect the new Executive Committee.

## WHO WAS... LORD VIBRATE?

"Order the coachman at twelve. No! Order him at one. Come back! Order him in ten minutes. Stay! Don't order him at all. Why don't you go and do as I bid you?"

Faced with the necessity of making up his mind about anything whatever, Lord Vibrate was utterly helpless. He dithered and dithered so long that he never managed to come to any decision, and never, therefore, got anything done.

As a result he was one of the unhappiest of men, and lived in a state of continually anticipating trouble. His wife a gay, good-humoured creature had no patience with him. She took her pleasure in and where she found it, and reproaching him for "taking a lantern to look for misery, which the sun itself cannot discover."

The vacillating Vibrate and his laughter-loving wife are two of the characters in Holcroft's comedy, "He's much to Blame" which is full of satirical portraits.



FOREIGNERS' FATE  
IN MANCHURIA.CONSULS TO INVESTIGATE  
ABSENCE OF NEWS.

## LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Shanghai, Dec. 12. Considerable fears are entertained for the safety of foreign residents in the region of Manchuria and Harbin affected by the recent Soviet invasion.

Reuters' Tokyo correspondent has received an announcement from Harbin to the effect that for the purpose of ascertaining the situation to the west of the Khingan Mountains, especially the condition of the non-Chinese residents, from whom no reliable news has been received for over a month, an international train, carrying the American, British, Japanese, French, and German Consuls is scheduled to leave Harbin for Manchuria on the 13th instant (to-morrow).

Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng left Pogradina for Habarovsk at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

London, Dec. 11. Questioned in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Arthur Henderson said he had received no official reports of raids by Chinese troops or aircraft over Soviet territory.

According to his information, the Soviet troops advanced to Chalinor, Soviet suburbs raided Fuchin, and Soviet aircraft bombed Poketu.—*Reuter.*

KOWLOON DOCK  
THEFT.MAN WHO STOLE COPPER  
CABLE SENTENCED.

A charge of theft of six pounds of copper cable from the Kowloon Docks, was brought against a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Mr. "Kid" Marriott prosecuted on behalf of the Company.

The defendant pleaded guilty. It was stated that the defendant was arrested leaving the yard just before five o'clock yesterday with the cable concealed in his girdle and in his hat. He was carrying a pair of wire snippers and had apparently stolen the cable from the electric store. He was not an employee of the Dock and was believed to have smuggled himself into the yard with the workmen in the morning when about 2,000 men passed through the gates.

His Worship (to defendant):—How long have you been here?

Defendant:—Since 1887.

A fine of \$10 or 14 days' hard labour was imposed.

RETURNED BANISHEE  
AS THIEF.ORDERED BIRCH AT THE  
KOWLOON COURT.

Arrested on a charge of larceny of eight iron bars from a shed at Kowloon City, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was also charged with returning from banishment, having been deported for ten years in 1925.

The defendant admitted both charges and intimated, in reply to the second, that he had returned to Hongkong to work.

His Worship remarked that the defendant had been twice convicted of larceny, one conviction being for pocket-picking while the other was simple larceny.

On the present charge, the defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour with a further eight months' imprisonment and 15 strokes of the birch on the banishment count.

A second man who was arrested together with the defendant was fined \$10 or fourteen days' hard labour, he having no previous convictions.

MORE CRUELTY TO  
CHICKENS.BAD CASE DEALT WITH  
AT KOWLOON.

That he had had three chickens in a round basket with a tray on top of them, and then two chickens and two ducks on top of the tray, was the manner in which a Chinese was stated to have caused cruelty to the fowls. Mr. W. Schofield, the Kowloon Magistrate, before whom the man was charged this morning, was also told that the chickens had had their legs tied together.

The defendant was fined \$5. A woman, who was alleged to have overcrowded ten chickens in a basket, which the police considered was only sufficiently large to carry four, was also fined \$5.

CANON STREETER  
IN HONGKONG.THINKS SCIENCE & RELIGION  
COMING TOGETHER.

## INTERVIEWED TO-DAY.

A distinguished visitor to the Colony is Canon B. H. Streeter, D.D., Fellow of the British Academy, who is the guest of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria.

Canon Streeter is returning from the Pacific Relations Conference at Kyoto, and is spending two days in Hongkong, after which he will visit Canton before leaving for England. During his stay, the Canon will give two lectures in Hongkong, one will take place this evening at St. John's Hall, when the Canon will deal with the results of the Kyoto Conference, and a public lecture will take place to-morrow at the Cathedral Hall. At the latter meeting the Canon will deal with the "Problems of Pain and the Great Difficulty of Belief in God."

Canon Streeter granted an interview to Press representatives at the Bishop's residence this morning, and outlined his beliefs with regard to religion and science.

Broadly, said the Canon, his policy could be defined as a belief in the fact that the conflict between religion and science is coming to a close. The cause of human progress demands both. During the last ten to fifteen years there had been in Great Britain a notable movement by the leaders of both the human idealism towards mutual comprehension. This should lead to a harmonious co-operation, resulting in a new view of the world, as well as combined practical effort to make it a better place.

Asked if he intended to add to his long list of well-known works by a book on China and Japan, Canon Streeter said with a smile that he would leave that to people who had been in China for an even shorter period than he had.

The Canon's best known work, "Reality," is now in the ninth edition and has had an enormous sale in England and America. Another of his works, "The Primitive Church," was recently selected as the religious book of the month in the United States.

Canon Streeter is a member of the commission appointed by the two Archbishops in England to deal with the problems of religious education. He is also Lecturer at Queen's College, Oxford, of which he is a Fellow.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY DEFEATED  
BY HERMES.

A team from H.M.S. Hermes paid a visit to Pokfulam and were opposed by the University second eleven. The visiting batsmen showed form and won easily by a margin of seven wickets, after dismissing their opponents for the small total of 84 runs. Scores:

University.				
S. R. Kernani, c. Cross, b. Bennett	14			
K. T. Loke, b. Bennett	1			
A. Chan Fook, c. Laslett, b. Swann	16			
A. Rodrigues, c. Cross, b. Bumphreys	2			
K. P. Gan, b. Bumphreys	12			
H. E. M. Adams, b. Bumphreys	4			
C. Candah, b. Truistler	7			
P. L. Tan, b. Hammond, b. Laslett	4			
G. E. Yeoh, b. Truistler	19			
T. Normanbhoy, b. Truistler	1			
A. A. Aziz, not out	1			
Extras	7			
Total	84			

Bowling Analysis.				
Laslett	O.	M.	R.	W.
	1	2	22	1
Bennett	5	17	2	
Swann	6	15	1	
Bumphreys	7	2	13	3
Truistler	3	11	3	

H.M.S. Hermes.				
Sq. Ldr. Bumphreys, c. Gan, b. Chan Fook	6			
Lieut. Wright, Lbw., Aziz	10			
Lieut. Stevenson, retired	63			
Marine Truistler, c. Chan Fook, b. Normanbhoy	12			
A. B. Laslett, retired	46			
E. R. A. Graham, c. Loke, b. Yeoh	3			
Stoker Cross, b. Chan Fook	6			
E. R. A. Hammond, not out	30			
Extras	2			

Total (7 wks.)				
	177			

Lieut. Magray, Eng. Lieut. Bennett and Stoker Swann did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.				
Chan Fook	O.	M.	R.	W.
	9.2	1	47	2
Aziz	6	30	1	
Normanbhoy	3	20	1	
Candah	1	20	1	
Tan	2	16	1	
Yeoh	3	16	1	
Loke	2	21	1	

LETTER GOLF  
SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.  
BLUE, BLUE, FLUX, FLAX,  
PLAY, FRAY, GRAY.

## ANTI-SOVIET CRUSADE.

WIDELY SPREAD ORGANISATION  
IN RUSSIA.

Riga, Nov. 12.

The Soviet Press prints details of the trial of the 32 "crusaders," at Voronesh.

These crusaders went about declaring to the population that the last days of the Soviet regime had come, and that soon their patron, the Archangel Michael, would appear, followed by a great host of fighters on white horses, who would exterminate all the Communists in the country and rid the land of all evils.

The crusaders affirmed that the origin of the Soviet Government came from Anti Christ, and that the Soviet collective agricultural system and other Communist institutions was a work of the Devil. They therefore exhorted the population to ignore the Soviet power, to prevent their children going to school, and to refuse to subscribe to Soviet loans.

The crusaders had secret signs among themselves, and bore special marks of distinction on their shirts. On their clothes they also bore the sign of the Holy Cross.

When the G.P.U. made a search at the crusaders' headquarters reports state that they discovered an old Imperial Russian flag, which bore the inscription of the first words of the former Russian National Anthem and also the words, "Our hope and strength abide in Prince Michael." The crusaders, it is declared, awaited the advent of the Grand Duke Michael, the brother of the Czar, whose fate is uncertain.

The crusaders' organisation was widely spread and had a large number of followers.

NEW O.S.K. MOTOR  
LINER.SYDNEY MARU HERE ON  
MAIDEN TRIP.

Only just completed, the new O.S.K. motor vessel Sydney Maru left the Yokohama Dock Co.'s yards some weeks ago and arrived in Hongkong on her maiden voyage at daylight to-day. She was berthed alongside Kowloon Wharf and was inspected by a large number of visitors during the morning.

She is a steel screw motor vessel of 5,300 gross tonnage with a length of 380 feet, a beam of 54.5 feet and a depth of 34.2 feet. Osaka is her port of registry.

This new motor vessel has been placed on the Japan-Australia run, calling at Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, etc., and will sail for Manila to-morrow afternoon.

## DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory reports that a feeble anticyclone is central over the Sea of Japan and a shallow depression over S. W. China. Moderate to light variable winds will prevail over the North China Sea, with coastal fog. The forecast for to-morrow is:—East or variable winds, moderate to light; generally overcast; some drizzle or mist.

TREASURE SHIP IN  
THE GALE.CARGO OF FAMOUS PICTURES  
ARRIVES SAFELY.

## AN OFFICER'S STORY.

London, Dec. 11.

The Italian art treasure ship, the Leonardo da Vinci, which has come through the thick of the furious gales of the past week, arrived at Gravesend to-day.

Flags were dipped in salute of the craft and hoisters and sirens shrieked their welcome.

One of the officers, in an interview, stated that the voyage was terrible, the weather being among the worst he had ever encountered, but all the pictures were safe and the crew unhurt.

He added that a tug should have piloted the Leonardo da Vinci during the voyage, but the vessel was obliged to go off in answer to an S.O.S. call from a distressed ship.

"Our anxiety in battling with such a gale was the greater because we knew that the cargo was perhaps the most precious that any ship had ever carried.

"Even during to-day's voyage, we had fierce tides against us," he concluded.

The vessel is remaining at Gravesend to-night and proceeds to-morrow to the West India Dock, where an official reception will be held.

The Italian art treasures on board, destined for the forthcoming London exhibition, are valued at £14,000,000.—*Reuter.*

PRISON PUZZLE FOR  
POLICE.NO EVIDENCE AGAINST MAN  
IN GAOL.

On mention being made before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, of the case in which a Chinese was charged with robbery and kidnapping on board a junk off Ching I Island in May, 1928, it was stated that the defendant was certified as unfit to appear in Court.

The defendant was originally before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, when part of the evidence was taken, and was remanded till this morning for consideration of certain matters of evidence.

Detective Sub-Inspector Doring, who appeared for the prosecution, said he had been instructed to say that the police would not offer any further evidence against the defendant and he was asking his Worship to discharge him accordingly. If, however, the defendant was still in gaol, he did not know what the position was—whether he would have to be remanded until such time as he was fit to appear.

His Worship handed the certificate to the officer and asked whether he would like a short remand to consider the position.

The case was accordingly remanded till Saturday morning.

On their failure to renew their licences, two store-keepers appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and were each fined \$10 for having kerosene on their premises without permission from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

WOMAN MARKET  
BULLY.HEADS ORGANISATION OF  
GIRL HAWKERS.

## A SMART SENTENCE.

"People who teach little children to break the law in this way are going to get a very heavy penalty in this Court," said Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in fining a woman \$25, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour in default, for aiding and abetting a 10-year-old to sell vegetables without a licence.

It was given in evidence that the girl and woman were standing outside the Yau-mat Market with a basket of vegetables between them. The girl was seen to sell a quantity and hand the money to the woman. When an Indian constable tried to arrest the couple, the woman ran away, but the girl was caught. Others in the vicinity, together with the defendant, attempted to release the girl and it was not until the constable drew his baton that he succeeded in taking her to the Station. Later, the woman was arrested by Sergeant Barnicle.

After his Worship had registered a conviction, Sergeant Barnicle, who prosecuted, intimated that the defendant was in charge of an organisation of small girls who were sent out to hawk without licences. The defendant was described as one of "those market bullies."

His Worship remarked that people who taught little children to break the law would be heavily punished and imposed a fine of \$25 or six weeks' hard labour.

After issuing a warning, his Worship cautioned the girl.

SHOOTING IN THE  
SETTLEMENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

posed to invite the Nanking Government heads, as well as all the commanders and politicians of the opposition party, including Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and General Tang Seng-chi.

The conference will be confined to a discussion of the quarrels among the leaders and a means to put a stop to further civil war in China. Immediately after this conference the Fourth National Kuomintang Conference will be held, attended by all members of the Kuomintang Party, in which the reformation of the political machinery and administration at Nanking will be considered.

## To Fight for Hankow.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

The position as far as can be gathered here appears to be that the Government leaders at Nanking, after deliberation, have decided not to "give up" Hankow without fighting, as had previously been thought necessary, but will leave what they consider sufficient troops at Hankow to defend it against Tang Seng-chi.

The Government's position appears to be somewhat improved, at least for the time being, partly owing to the fact that Ho Chien, who is controlling Hunan with twenty subordinate generals, has issued a circular declaring for peace. This presumably means that he will remain neutral, and will not join in the attack against Hankow.

Also Chen Tiao-yun is still adhering to the Government and sending troops to the southern Shantung border to prevent Shih Yu-san's rebels from entering Shantung, and the Nanking Government claims that Chen Tiao-yun intends to attack Shih Yu-san in the rear.

Shanghai continues quiet. A thousand loyal troops of the 6th division arrived yesterday but the authorities are taking precautions. British troops, while not confined to barracks, are not allowed further out of town than the race-course.—*Reuter.*

## All Quiet in Hankow.

Hankow, Dec. 11.

The situation locally continues very quiet and confidence is being strengthened by assurances of loyalty being received from various minor Generals in Honan.

It now seems that Tang Seng-chi's defection will not prove a serious embarrassment to the Government, and it is declared that Tang is already seeking a compromise.

The Ichang situation is gradually returning to normal, and the rebels have been driven far inland.—*Reuter.*

Warrant Engineer Charles H. Wilson has been appointed to the overflow ship Ambrose, of the Rosyth Destroyer Reserve. He was promoted to warrant rank in July 1928, and since served for two years in the Frobbisher, when flagship of the First Cruiser Squadron on the China and Mediterranean Stations.

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## SHAMEEN FOOTBALL.

### CICALA REGISTERS A VICTORY.

Shameen, Dec. 11.  
H.M.S. Cicala defeated the Shameen Football Team by two goals to one in the Shameen Football League yesterday afternoon.

Shameen had a certain amount of bad luck and were unable to put their best team in the field; in fact, they only managed to raise ten men altogether, and four of their best players were absent. Right up to the last minute Shameen considered cancelling the game and allowing the Cicala two points in the League. However, they very sportingly took the field with ten men and, as events proved, they did extraordinarily well under the circumstances.

In the first half, the Cicala kept the ball in the Shameen half practically the whole time, but thanks to some brilliant play by the Shameen backs and two magnificent saves by Linaker in goal, they were not able to score. Linaker, by the way, had not intended playing as his leg was injured, but at the last minute he joined in the game and very sportingly played goal for Shameen.

In the second half, Shameen made several brilliant efforts and carried the ball right in front of the Cicala goal. However, the Cicala outside right managed to score soon after resuming play, with a long shot which was misjudged by Linaker, who thought it was going outside. Shortly afterwards, the Cicala netted again after a mix-up in front of the Shameen goal. The rest of the first half was very evenly contested and just before time Shameen scored a goal, Duncan netting from a penalty kick. The terms were:

H.M.S. Cicala.—Stacey; Glynn, Pinder; Crick, Reader, Williams; McDonald, Rees, Surg, L. Bolton, Riddle and McKessick.

Shameen Football Team.—J. Linaker; H. J. Prata, W. Norgelt; zig; A. Rafeek, J. Montalto, A. Locke; R. La Sala, F. E. W. Lammer, Geo. Duncan, Jr., and A. E. Osmund.

The present position of the League is as follows:

Goals  
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts  
Tarantula ..... 4 3 1 0 9 4 6  
Moonhen ..... 6 2 1 1 17 5  
Moth ..... 6 2 3 1 13 5  
Seamew ..... 3 2 1 0 8 3 4  
Cicala ..... 4 2 2 0 11 7 4  
Shameen ..... 3 1 2 0 4 4 2

Although H. M. S. Tarantula are at the head of the League at present, great things are expected of H. M. S. Seamew—who have a really good team. It is true that H. M. S. Seamew lost to the Shameen Football Team, but that was on the one occasion when Shameen were in a position to put their full strength in the field, an occasion which rarely happens in a small port like this where the members of the team have so many other interests.—Our Own Correspondent.

## KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB TENNIS.

### SPECIAL SELF-HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.

An automatic self-handicapping Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament has been arranged by the Tennis Section of the K.F.C. and it will be held on the Club courts on Sunday next, commencing at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

Entries will be accepted to within fifteen minutes of the commencement.

The final of the Club Men's Doubles Handicap will be played during the morning, and in the afternoon tea will be served and prizes presented.

### LADIES HOCKEY.

### HONGKONG TO PLAY KOWLOON.

The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club will play a match against the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club on Saturday, 14th Dec., on the K.B.S.F.A. ground at King's Park. Bully off 3.30 p.m.

The teams are as follows:  
Hongkong: F. Stevenson; F. D. C. Lack; B. Franklin; E. O'Hagan; E. R. Bell; M. L. Wallace; I. C. Bell; J. L. Whyte; N. A. McNeill; C. M. Ferguson; E. S. Laine.  
Kowloon: P. Whitley; L. Dand; M. Woolley; P. Woolley; E. Anslow; V. Eastman; I. Gittins; M. George; D. Pinguet; H. Eastman; E. Woolley.

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

### SOMERSETS V NAVY.

These teams met on the Kowloon F. C. ground instead of at Chatham Road. The Somersets having won the toss, Bunting set the players in motion. The Somersets were early to the attack, a goal pass by Palmer to Evelt and return being spoiled by the wind. Evelt had another attempt and sent in a long range shot which Turner cleared. A very promising movement of accurate passing by the Navy forwards looked like a certain goal but Goodman grazed the bar. The wind was upsetting the play, the ball swooping in flight and deceiving the players, preventing serious attacks through over-running. Rendell lost a good chance to open his side's account through missing a little too long. Carey taking the ball from his top. The Navy then broke away but Reid arrested their threatening run down. An exciting incident then followed, an accurate centre about four yards parallel to the goal-line was successfully missed by three Navy forwards for Linton to put behind for a corner. The wind took the flag kick behind.

Pressure was next coming from the Somersets and from a melee the Navy did well to keep their goal intact. Turner was next called upon to deal with a hot shot from Palmer, he making no mistake in clearing his lines. Back to the other end Wallis brought off a brilliant save from Cartwright, Evans gaining possession to put high over. From a corner on the Navy's right, Wallis had difficulty in clearing with three attackers close at hand, but by a careful throw to Huish a clearance was effected. The tension was high when passes from Palmer to Evelt on to Baggett, the latter player hit the crossbar with a terrific drive to go over.

Mid-field play was now the order, the ball being swung about in a very fast manner until Wallis had to be satisfied by saving from Hassel at the expense of a corner from which nothing happened. The Navy saved themselves from a very awkward situation following a melee, Ward's header nearly going through his own goal, but in the nick of time Turner cleared. The Navy were now being hard pressed but kicking to touch relieved the tension. From a rush down Wallis brought off a spectacular save by jumping high to prevent Goodman's being effective. The interval whistle sounded concluding a very interesting and keenly contested first half, it being a difficult matter to say which was the better eleven. Half time, Somersets 0, Navy 0.

After the resumption Baggett grazed the upright in the first minute. Returning to the attack a promising movement by the Sets forwards just missed its mark. Play was going from end to end alternately with Huish and Mend of the Somersets and Carey and Evans working like trojans. Following two weak shots from the Navy Baggett after beating three opponents was robbed of a splendid chance by hanging on too long. The same player could not control the ball sufficiently a minute later to put in an effective shot when well placed.

Two meales followed in quick succession the ball being put behind for a corner. From this corner after twenty-five minutes play Cartwright sent in a beautiful header which Wallis could not hold the ball entering the net just beneath the crossbar to give the Navy the lead. The Sets were not showing signs of fatigue and were continually called upon to defend their charge from very dangerous attacks.

The Navy were now on top, the Somersets being penned to their own half for the remaining few minutes. The ball was punctured on the spikes of the railings behind the railway shelter and a few minutes later the new one was lost for about three minutes in a nullah. The final whistle brought play to close a particularly good game. Results, Somersets 0, Navy 1.

### K.O.S.B. v University.

Arriving at St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, to play their league game, the above teams found that the ground was occupied and a delay in the kick off was necessary.

The K.O.S.B. attacked from the kick off and several shots were sent in but Chen in the University goal was in good form. However, he misjudged a long shot from Barham after ten minutes play and the ball entered the net to give the K.O.S.B. the lead.

The K.O.S.B. continued to press and from a pass by Stevens, Milligan headed into the net. The University then forced a corner which was cleared. A dropping shot by Klio was saved by Westland and Stevens going in beat Chen to give the K.O.S.B. a three goals lead at the interval. Resuming, the University went off with a dash and Spence gave away a corner which was fruitless. Hands against Harris thirty yards out gave the University a chance but Westland cleared the shot. Rhodes sent in a high shot and Chen let the ball bounce out of his hands over the goal line. Although the K.O.S.B. pressed strongly they failed to add to their score. Result, K.O.S.B. 4, University 0.

The lecture at Hongkong University to be addressed by Canon B. H. Streeter on "International Questions Arising out of the Pacific Conference" will be held at 5.30 to-day and not at 5.15 as was inadvertently stated in one of the notices sent to the Press.

## GARRISON NEWS.

### LATEST POSTINGS OF OFFICERS.

Major J. L. P. MacNair, R.A., who has held the appointment of Adjutant of the Royal Artillery in Hongkong, and who is going home in February, has been succeeded as Adjutant by Captain C. R. Hodgkinson, R.A., who recently arrived in Hongkong from home.

### Tour of Inspection.

Colonel F. S. Esham, D.S.O., R.A.O.C., Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, China Command, who has been on a tour of inspection in North China, embarked for Hongkong on the Empress of Asia on Tuesday.

### Return from Sick Leave.

Major B. R. Mullaly, 10th Gurkha Rifles, and Brigade Major Tintin Area, who has been home on sick leave, will embark for China in January, and will resume his appointment. Captain P. J. Shears, 2nd Border Regt., who has been carrying out Major Mullaly's duties during his absence, will rejoin his own regiment in India.

### Reduction in Passage Rates.

Reductions in passage rates by steamship companies for military passengers, under certain conditions, have been granted. The C.P.R. Line have made a reduction of 10 per cent for Naval and Military passengers and their wives and families traveling between ports of call in the Orient. The Blue Funnel Line offer the same reduction to Naval and Military families paying three single fares from Hongkong to England, and 15 per cent if more than four fares are paid. This concession does not apply to journeys to intermediate ports. The P. & O. and B. I. Line offer the same concessions as the Blue Funnel Line, but the reduction is available for intermediate journeys.

### Football.

Hongkong Area League Football matches played by the K.O.S.B. whilst in Camp at Sun Wai resulted as follows:

H. Q. Wing beat "C" Company by two goals to one.

"A" Company beat "C" Company by two goals to one.

"D" (M.G.) Company beat "B" Company by two goals to nil.

"D" (M.G.) Company, drew with H. Q. Wing in a goalless match.

In the Regimental Inter-Company Football League, "D" (M.G.) Company won the Shield, drawing with H. Q. Wing in the last match, in which no goals were scored.

### Navy Matches.

In a China Fleet Football League Match yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, Magnolia beat Cornflower by the odd goal in three. Although these teams are drawn from small ships, the class of football played is excellent. Teams:

Cornflower.—Sullivan; New; Little; Boon; Childs; Pawsan; Sepple; Adams; Baker; Bennett; Best.

Magnolia.—Olive; Tegg; Smith; Armstrong; Sepple; Thompson; Lowder; Thorp; Mellett; Strange; Parsons.

### Thrasher v Herald.

In another China Fleet League match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, Thrasher beat Herald by four goals to one. Many opportunities were given, and lost, on both sides through mis-kicking, though a tricky wind made ball-control somewhat difficult. Teams:

Thrasher.—Stratford; Clarke; Hayes; Jarvis; Baker; Sloan; Brady; Burie; Ward; Skeats; Morris; Herald.—Lewis; Bagwell; Hocking; Hamford; Mills; Baird; Jago; Townsend; Hilley; Williams; Coles.

### Cricket.

In a friendly match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, Petersfield beat Stonecutters by 5 runs in a very close game. Lt. Cobb obtained 51 runs out of Petersfield's total of 121, Young obtaining seven wickets for 31 runs. Quarmby scored 46 out of Stonecutters' 110, and Genge had the good analysis of 5 wickets for 18 runs. It was a good stand on the part of the last two Petersfield wickets that won the match, 37 runs being put on.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, December 14th, at 2 p.m. sharp on the H.K.C.C. Ground:

C. W. Lam (Capt.), S. V. Gittins, D. K. Samy, M. B. Osman, L. T. Ride, E. A. Lee, A. P. Gutierrez, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Baker, A. M. Rodriguez, S. R. Kermant.

### H.K.C.C. Teams.

The following are H.K.C.C. teams for next Saturday:  
Against the University (League), at home.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. V. Parker, J. R. Hinton, A. C. I. Bowker, A. Reid, E. R. West, O. Moor, G. P. Lammert, E. R. Duckitt, A. C. Beck, H. R. Remington.

Against the University Second Eleven (friendly) played away.—W. Mackenzie (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, R. H. Dowler, K. H. Batger, G. E. R. Divett, W. Hanis Walker, R. D. Beaumont, T. R. Macdonald, J. H. Ashworth, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan.

### I.R.C. 2nd v K.C.C. 2nd.

The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI, in a League match against the K.C.C. 2nd XI, on the former's ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp.—M. P. Madar (Capt.), H. T. Barma, C. F. Doodha, E. Hopulla, D. Mohamed, A. R. H. Esmail, A. R. Saffad, J. S. Akker, Sirdar Khan, A. M. Rumjahn, and F. M. el Arculli. Scorers: M. Y. Adal.



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The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductors insulators, and other accessories.

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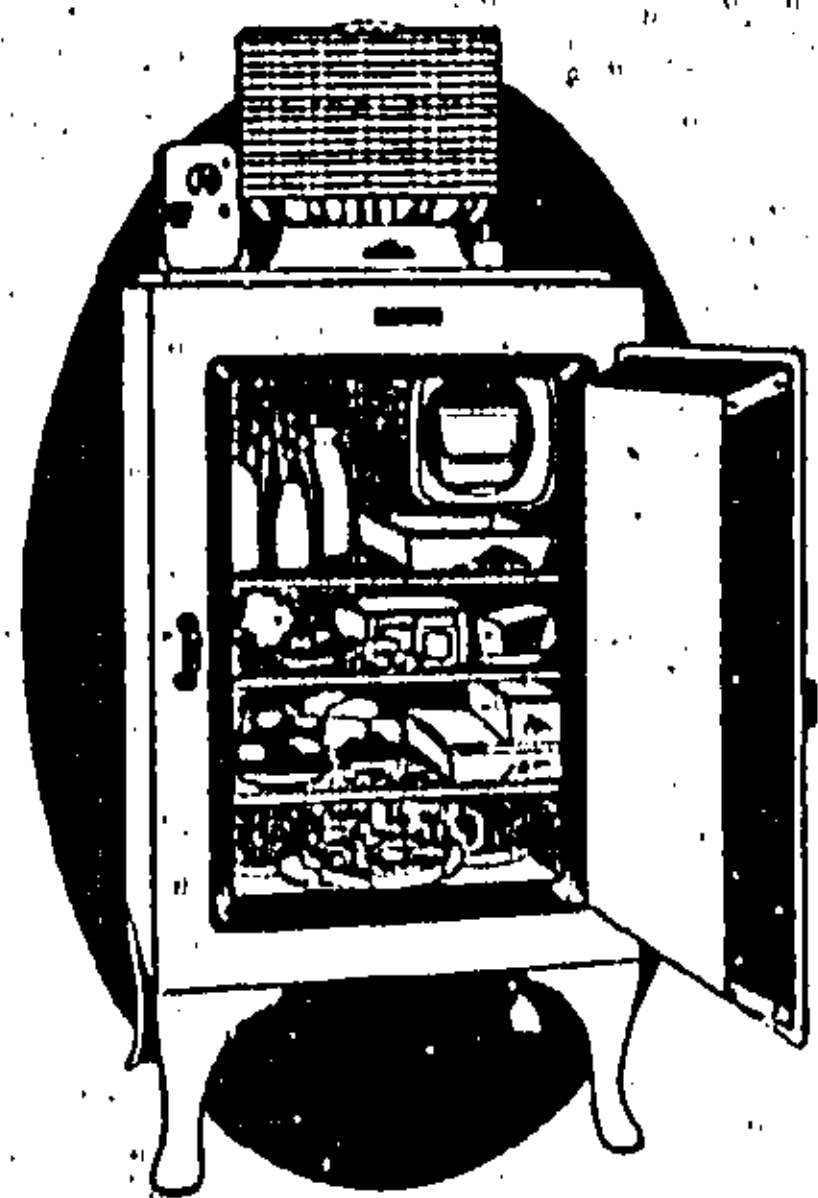
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St. John's Cathedral Hall presented a happy scene last night, when a large company gathered to enjoy a social evening. Music and laughter held sway throughout, and conviviality was the key note.

Light refreshments were enjoyed, and an excellent programme of music and song was one of the features of the evening.

Miss Acheson, Miss Hynes and Miss Harding all delighted with excellent contributions, and Mr. Gahagan rendered several songs in his usual pleasing manner. Mr. Hetherington's recitations were enthusiastically received, and Mr. J. H. Hunt was responsible for conducting a joyous game in his inimitable style.

The occasion was rendered all the more notable by the large attendance of friends from various districts. Among those present were the Rev. A. E. Armstrong, Rev. N. V. Halward, Rev. N. L. Watkins, whilst the Dean (the Very Rev. A. Swann) was also present together with Mr. W. L. Pattenden, who was largely responsible for the admirable arrangements.

#### PIRACY GUARDS.

##### LORD INCHCAPE'S HINT TO AUTHORITIES.

London, Dec. 11.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Paninsular and Oriental Company, Lord Inchcape said there seemed every prospect of a successful future for pulverised coal, especially in cargo vessels and if the present experiments were satisfactory they might be forced for reasons of economy to adopt it in passenger as well as cargo steamers.

Referring to the unrest in China, which he said was militating against a revival of trade there, Lord Inchcape read a letter from Hongkong dealing with the piracy of a Japanese steamer proceeding from Formosa to Hongkong on September 21, and said he trusted, the removal of piracy would result in a change of the decision by the British authorities to cease providing naval and military guards on April 1, 1930.

The outlook for tramp steamers was probably never more gloomy, and the general freight situation at present is deplorable. Things might improve, but momentarily it looked like cargo tonnage having to be laid up, as freights in almost all trades are insufficient to cover the costs of running.—*Reuter*.

#### LOCAL RADIO.

##### MUSICAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

To-day's musical broadcast from Station ZBW, contains some very popular selections. One of the items, a "pot-pourri" entitled "Melodious Memories" will be recognised by many listeners as a favourite of the K.O.S.B. band at local concerts. It is an attractive medley of popular old tunes.

The programme is as follows:  
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5.00-7.00 p.m. Programme of Columbia and Legal records supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Ltd.  
"L'Arlesienne Suite—Intermezzo."  
(Ballet, arr. Sear)  
"L'Arlesienne Suite—Minuet."  
J. H. Squire Chamber Orchestra.  
"Show Boat—Bill."  
(P. G. Wodehouse and J. Kern).  
"Show Boat—Can't help Lovin' Dat Man."  
(Hammerstein and Kern).  
Mario Furko with Drury Lane Orch.  
"On top of the World, Alone."  
(Robin and Whitting).  
"Through!" (McCarthy and Monaco).  
Layton and Johnstone with Piano.  
"Blue Eyes—Selection."  
Part 1 and 2 (Kern).  
"Piccadilly Theatre Orchestra."  
"Father's Favourites, Part 1 and 2."  
(Publishers: Francis, Day and Hunter Ltd.).  
Organ Solo by Terence Casey.  
"Melodie" (Gluck—Squire).  
"Andante Religioso" (Thome).  
Cello Solo by W. H. Squire with Piano and Organ.  
"Every-Body's Melodies."  
Part 1 and 2 (arr. J. H. Squire).  
J. H. Squire Cello Octet.  
"Andantino (Song of the Soul)."  
(Lemaro).  
"Reverie" (Dunkler—Op. 20).  
Cello Solo by W. H. Squire with Piano.  
"Bitter Sweet—I'll see you again."  
(Noel Coward).  
"Bitter Sweet—Kiss me."  
Layton and Johnstone with Piano.  
"Ideal Home."  
"Hidden Heroes" (Clarkson Rose).  
Norman Long.  
"Petite Suite—Part 1: En Bateau and Part 2: Cortège" (Debussy).  
Sir Dan Godfrey.  
"Petite Suite—Part 3: Menuet and Part 4: Ballet" (Debussy).  
Sir Dan Godfrey.  
"Scottish Quadrilles."  
Figs. 1, 2 and 3.  
Palace Guards' Band.  
"Old Time Waltz Medley."  
(Composer Unknown).  
"The Flannagans Chase the Banshee."  
(Flannagan Brothers).  
The Flannagan Brothers.  
"Melodious Memories—(Pot-Pourri), Part 1, 2, 3 and 4."  
(arr. Norman Long).  
Regal Cinema Orchestra.  
"Kawaihau, Waltz" (Hawaiian Air).  
"Honolulu, March."  
Hawaiian Silver String Quartet.  
7.48 p.m. Weather report.  
9.00-10.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese gramophone records.  
10.30 p.m. Close down.

#### NEW WORK PLANS.

##### HOW FUNDS WILL OPERATE.

London, Dec. 11.

The present value of grants approved, or in an advanced stage of negotiation, in relation to Government schemes for provision of work under the Development Act, Colonial Development Act and from the Road Fund, is estimated at over £31,000,000. Certain of these grants are to be spread over a number of years. The schemes are estimated to provide work equivalent to the employment of 189,300 men for a year.

Of this total the Development Act, which facilitates grants to local authorities in respect of works of public utility, is calculated to provide work equivalent to eighty-four thousand man years. The material employed for such assisted works must, as far as possible be home products.

The Colonial Development Act enables the scheme for the Zambesi Bridge to be proceeded with. This involves an expenditure of about £3,000,000, of which contracts placed in this country will represent over £1,000,000, affording employment equivalent to some 4,000 man years.

Other schemes towards which grants have been given under this Act are estimated to provide 1,800 man years of employment.

The programme under the Road Fund, which is estimated to provide work equivalent to 100,000 for a year, includes the provision of further trunk roads and improvements to existing roads extending over five years, at a cost to the Road Fund of £16,000,000.—*British Wireless*.

#### GRAVELY ILL.

##### ANXIETY FOR ADMIRAL SIR HENRY JACKSON.

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## PARAFFIN WAX.

### DISPUTE OVER AMERICAN MELTING POINT.

The Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) decided which was the proper test to use in ascertaining the American melting point of paraffin wax when he delivered judgment in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, in an action for damages. The plaintiff was Ip Tak, trading under the style of Ip Tak and Company, No. 36a, Queen's Road Central. He sued the Yee Lee Cheung Firm, No. 20, Wing Lok Street, claiming \$1,000 damages for breach of contract for the supply of 25 tons of paraffin wax of which defendants refused to accept delivery.

Mr. E. Davidson was for plaintiff and Mr. H. C. Lee defended.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said:

The plaintiff is the seller and the defendant the buyer under a contract for the sale and purchase of paraffin wax. The buyer has rejected the goods and the seller sues for damages for alleged breach of contract. The buyer submits that he is entitled to reject the goods on the ground that they are not in accordance with the specification contained in the contract. The contract is in writing. It contains the following specification: "A.M.P. 125 deg./127 deg." It is agreed that the meaning of this specification is "American Melting Point" between 125 degrees and 127 degrees Fahrenheit. The "melting point" is the temperature at which solid wax melts, which temperature is the same as that at which the same wax, when molten, will solidify.

### Methods of Testing.

It appears from oral evidence given, and also from scientific text books (which are accessible to the Court under Ordinance 2 of 1889, s. 26 (4)), that the "American Method" of ascertaining the melting point of paraffin wax is to immerse 7/8th of the bulb of a thermometer in a given quantity of molten wax, and then allowing the wax to cool to note the temperature at which a "spider" extends on the surface of the wax from the edge of the liquid to the bulb of the thermometer. The "American Melting Point" is the result ascertained by this method. The "English Method" is different. In this method, the bulb is completely immersed, the wax is allowed to cool, and periodical readings (each period being sixty seconds) are noted. It is known that when the solidifying point is reached, the wax gives out heat, which arrests the fall of the thermometer for a time. At this stage in the process the readings of the thermometer remain constant for a series. The stationary figure is accepted as the melting point.

It is obvious that the English method will register a later stage in solidification than the American method, that it will record a lower temperature and that it will be less liable to error. The difference between the results of the two methods is not constant. It averages from 2 to 3 degrees.

### Definition Adopted.

In recent times dissatisfaction has arisen in the United States of America with the use of the American method. There is in Philadelphia a Society named "The American Society for Testing Materials" (incorporated in 1902). This Society adopted in 1922 as its standard definition of the melting point of paraffin wax the following: "The temperature at which melted paraffin wax, when allowed to cool under definite prescribed conditions, first shows a minimum rate

of temperature change." It thus approved for its constituents the English method of test. In its official publication, the Society adds the following note to the definition: "The so-called American Melting Point is an arbitrary figure 3 deg. F. higher than the A.S.T.M. Melting Point."

Mr. A. C. Franklin, an analyst with long local experience, states in his evidence that in ascertaining the "American Melting Point" it has been his invariable practice to test by the English method and add 3 degrees F. to the result. On the other hand, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, has used the American Method only for this purpose. Mr. H. K. Prosser, employed in the sales department of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Limited, with eight years' local experience, has stated that his practice has been in comparing his company's product with an American product to add 3 degrees F. to the figures resulting from an English test to find the equivalent of a quoted American Melting Point. His sale contracts are made without "specification" - specification being used in the sale of American wax in which he does not deal. His experience is that the local buyer will make use of the same calculation at the present time.

### Two Tests Used.

A sample of the paraffin wax here considered was submitted by Mr. Franklin both to the English and the American tests. The figure resulting from the British test was 122.5 degrees F. This, with the addition of 3 degrees F., becomes 125.5 degrees F. - a temperature which is within the specification in the contract. The American test (being the average of three experiments) gave the result 124 degrees F., which is below the specification.

The question for decision is which is the proper test applicable to decide the "American Melting Point" in the present contract.

The parties have had a course of dealing in paraffin wax extending over 30 years. During this period the transactions have been occasional only. All contracts have been "A.M.P." i.e. have had an American Melting Point in the specification. No similar question has arisen between the parties in respect of any other contract in the series. A recent contract (subsequent to that here involved) has been mutually performed, without discussion.

Had this contract been of a date prior to 1922, it could not have been contended that the "American Melting Point" mentioned therein was anything else than the result of the American method exactly pursued; and not any arbitrary figures assumed to be its equivalent.

### Onus not Discharged.

The onus lies here upon the plaintiff to show that this interpretation has been recently displaced by a novel commercial custom in this market which he contends to be applicable to his contract. This onus he seems to me not to have discharged.

For this reason I hold that the "American Melting Point" of this paraffin wax for the purpose of this contract is 124 degrees F., which is not in accordance with contract specification, and the plaintiff's claim for damages therefore fails. My judgment is for the defendant with costs.

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1 Eureka set, R. J. Goodman (40);  
5th, 1 doll, Yeung Sum (35).

Book No. 2—2nd Drawing:—1st  
prize, 1 doll, J. M. Alves (16); 2nd,  
1 porcelain tea set, Mollie Tong  
(100); 3rd, 1 rooster, Logan  
(P. W. D.) (43); 4th, 1 doll  
(green), T. Stanton (98); 5th, 1  
game, C. P. S. (30).

Book No. 3—3rd Drawing:—1st  
prize, 1 table lamp, J. M. Botelho  
(17); 2nd, 1 porcelain tea set, 4th  
Sugar Baby (54); 3rd, 1 cooking  
stove, "Spero," c/o T. E. Pearce;  
4th, 1 doll, Dr. W. Koch; 5th, 1  
game, L. A. da Costa.

Book No. 4—4th Drawing:—Can-  
celled. Chances sold transferred  
to Book No. 5.

Book No. 5—5th Drawing:—1st  
prize, 1 tea set, C. F. Alexandre  
(51); 2nd, 1 doll (blue), F. F. da  
Rozza (66); 3rd, 1 Eureka set,  
Myguet Morbyourain (21); 4th, 1  
doll, F. Giles (54); 5th, 1 doll, S.  
C. Yung (11).

Book No. 6—6th Drawing:—1st  
prize, 1 large doll, F. Costa (15);  
2nd, 1 doll, R. H. Larken (42); 3rd,  
1 Eureka set, J. M. Alves (91); 4th,  
1 game, L. B. Gomes (97); 5th, 1  
doll, S. Danenberg (31).

Book No. 7—7th Drawing:—Can-  
celled.

Book No. 8—8th Drawing:—1st  
prize, 1 large doll, Browns, c/o  
Central Police Station (78); 2nd, 1  
doll, W. B. Whistlaw, Police Dept.

(79); 3rd, 1 porcelain tea set, M.  
J. Carrie (Sanitary Board) (54);  
4th, 1 knitting set, M. Bernex (19);  
5th, 1 set blocks, A. J. Basto (49).

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A. Gomes (44); 3rd, 1 case of  
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1st Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll,  
A. Kinchin (115); 2nd, 1 set of  
cooking utensils, Li Yat Choi (52);  
3rd, 1 doll, J. McCutcheon (85);  
4th, 1 doll, J. M. McCabe (87);  
5th, 1 game (cups), H. Dixon (103).

2nd Drawing:—1st prize, 1 A.  
tea set, Nanelli (36); 2nd, 1 horse  
and wheel, Lucy Yung (13); 3rd,  
1 doll, R. W. Gallagher (27); 4th,  
1 doll, H. Dixon; 5th, 1 counting  
board, Mollie Tong (80).

3rd Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll  
(yellow), D. Asjoe (107); 2nd, 1  
A. tea set, a Muller (64); 3rd, 1  
doll, Miss B. da Silva, Macao  
(108); 4th, 1 knitting set, Luen  
Tai (115); 5th, 1 doll, O. K. Wong  
(8).

4th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 A.  
tea set, F. C. Laurel (88); 2nd, 1  
horse and wheel, A. Kinchin (118);  
3rd, 1 doll, Leonel Silva (87); 4th,  
1 doll, M. Assumpcao (72); 5th, 1  
doll, J. A. Cotton (84).

5th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll  
(yellow), Sun Choy Hing (94);  
2nd, 1 A. cooking set, Paice (49);  
3rd, 1 Eureka set, R. H. Larken  
(110); 4th, 1 doll, J. M. S. Rosario  
(114); 5th, 1 motor bus, F. E.  
Shuster (45).

6th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll  
in cradle, Terese Chan (92); 2nd,  
1 cooking stove, Charles Lee (59);  
3rd, 1 doll, Mrs. F. Rosario (24);  
4th, 1 game, M. Blake (67); 5th,  
1 counting board, Carlos N. da  
Silva (50).

7th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 A.  
tea set, Ranner (63); 2nd, 1 doll,  
A.7 (38); 3rd, 1 Eureka set, M.  
Blake (31); 4th, 1 doll, A.7 (18);  
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leged fraudulent acts committed by  
the female licensee and the se-  
foe of the Tung Cheong Distillery  
of Hang Hau. The third man  
convicted was described as being  
an employee.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd was for the  
prosecution and Mr. Hin-shing Lo  
for the defence.

After further evidence had been  
taken, Mr. Lo submitted that there  
was no case to answer and argued  
that the female defendant was  
not the licensee of the distillery  
but a partner.

His Worship held that the evi-  
dence that the woman was a joint  
licensee was conclusive. She was  
convicted of charges of failing to  
record molasses mash which had  
been set on to ferment (2) failing  
to record rice mash which had  
been set on to ferment (3) fail-  
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while the third man was con-  
victed of conspiracy and fined \$250.

His Worship remarked that he  
would make the penalty the same  
irrespective of the number of  
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lain tea set, M. Blake (94); 3rd,  
1 doll, Mrs. Reynolds (47); 4th,  
1 bath set, Nanelli (14); 5th, 1  
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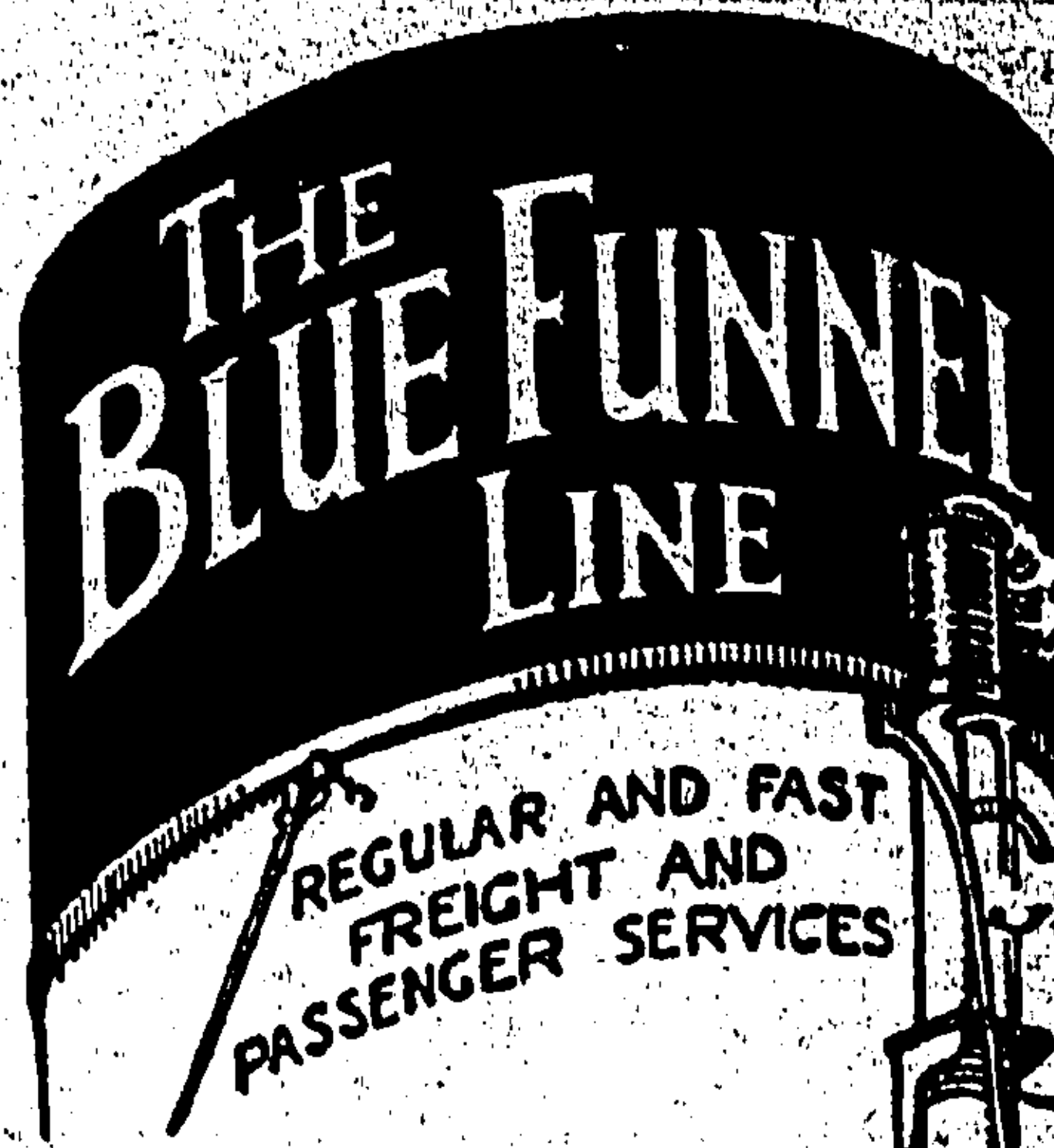
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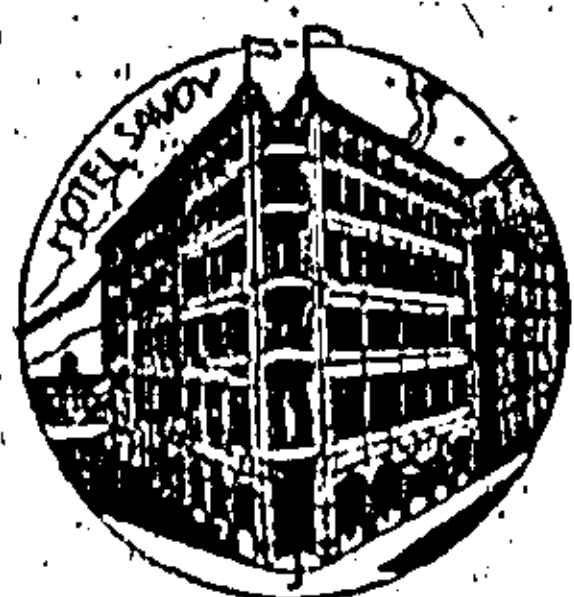


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## ATTACKS ON THE R.M.S.P.

SOUND POSITION PROVED  
BY AUDITORS.

### DIVIDEND SUSPENSION.

London, Dec. 11.  
The Directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, have decided not to pay the usual half-yearly dividends on preference stocks, or the interim dividend on the ordinary stock.

The Board's notification adds that Lord Kylsant, the chairman, informed the Directors that the attacks made upon the Company and the publicity they had received, had resulted in a heavy fall in the market value of the shares and debentures.

The Company's auditors, the well-known firm of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Company, who were instructed to examine the position, now reported that the profits of the group in 1928, after the payment of debenture and other interest, exceeded £3,400,000.

The results of the working of 1929 were expected to be very similar. Reference was made in the auditors' report to the ample provision in respect of depreciation and also to the reserves, which exceed £7,000,000.

The Trade Facilities Loan of £2,550,000 to the R.M.S.P. for meat transports, which the R.M.S.P. guaranteed, had to be repaid in the autumn of 1930, and as the public attacks at present rendered a new issue impracticable, an application had been made for an extension of the period of repayment.

A suspension of dividends had, meanwhile, been decided in order to conserve the Company's cash resources.

There has recently been a severe fall in R.M.S.P. stocks owing to the attacks launched by Lord Kylsant's brother.—*Reuter.*

### CANTONESE CLAIM VICTORY.

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anniversary, but up to the moment no incidents have been reported.

A rather curious incident is the tearing down by the Municipal Police of all the anti-Chang Fawei and anti-Ironside posters which have been pasted up in various parts of the city for the past month or so.

#### Commons Report.

London, Dec. 11.  
Answering a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Henderson said he had no news of any recent fighting in the Canton area but on the 8th December, the National Government troops, who had been occupying a defence line some 30 miles from the city, were reported to be falling back.

Canton was reported quiet on that date with no signs of local disruption. There are five warships on the West River Patrol, three of which are at Canton, the remainder being disposed of in accordance with the situation. Arrangements have been made to provide military reinforcements should the situation necessitate such action.—*British Wireless.*

#### Canton Claims.

The Canton News Agency issues a rather remarkable report of the recent fighting as follows:—

The latest report of the fighting in the North River sector is that the enemy was badly defeated yesterday (10th) when he rushed his troops to attack the Cantonese lines at Pahi-II, where they came across nine land mines which exploded, inflicting enormous casualties in their ranks.

Before the enemy could recover, they were subject to enfilading fire from machine guns, which added to the number of the casualties, which are estimated to number 6,000.

The Ironsides also advanced, to the attack against the Cantonese at Yau Lu, Liang Lung He, Kum Hu, and Chiang San He. Four regiments of the Ironsides were severely cut up, and it is known that the regiment under Gen. Ng Kel-wei was wiped out.

Over 3,000 rifles and innumerable machine guns and war materials were captured, while over 2,000 prisoners were taken. The Ironside remnants are now being hotly pursued by the troops under Generals Chiang Kang-wei, and others.

According to the opinion of those informed on the military situation, yesterday's engagement has broken the back of the enemy offensive, and a collapse is predicted to be near at hand.

Donations received by the committee of the St. Vincent de Paul Society included the following: Club Lusitano \$100; Anonymous \$100; Miss Sybil Joseph \$50; The Colonial Electric Co. \$25 and Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd., various articles.

## OPTIONAL CLAUSE DECISION.

BRITISH MEMORANDUM DEALS  
WITH REASONS.

### PEACE PACT SEQUEL.

London, Dec. 11.

A White Paper has been issued setting forth the considerations which led the British Government to sign the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and dealing with the fears expressed in some quarters as to the consequences of that signature.

In a closely reasoned Memorandum, the Government maintains that as regards disputes of a justifiable character the signature of the Optional Clause is a logical sequence of the acceptance of the Pact of Peace, since legal renunciation of war to be made effective should be accompanied by definite acts providing machinery for peaceful settlement of disputes.

#### Proof of Sincerity.

By signing the Optional Clause, the British Government hoped both to give the world proof of their confidence in the Peace Pact, as an earnest of their desire to secure peaceful settlement of justifiable disputes in which they might become involved, and also to do what lay in their power to stimulate other nations to do the same.

The Memorandum refers to the discussions regarding the Optional Clause which took place between the different Governments in the British Empire which concluded at Geneva when Great Britain, the Dominions and India decided to sign the clause.

In conclusion, the Memorandum says the question which is sometimes asked as to the safety of trusting British interests to the Permanent Court, should really be transposed into a question as to the wisdom of leaving British interests without any safeguard except war, which Britain had undertaken not to wage.

The British Government maintain that the whole source of international development for many years has been in the direction of the substitution of arbitration for war, and they rejoice in the existence of an International Court of unchallenged competence and impartiality to which disputes at any rate of a justifiable character can be referred. Such reform they regard as an essential part of the effect to implement the undertakings of the Peace Pact and to use the early years of peace in creating effective safeguards against war before its realities have been forgotten.—*British Wireless.*

### EGYPTIAN POLICY DEBATED.

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vision was made for the removal of the occupation of British troops at Cairo—of course, at the same time making alternative occupation which gave added security for all the interests involved—no further progress could be made.

Dealing with the doubts expressed as to the effect regarding Egypt, of the signing of the Optional Clause, Lord Parmoor said the draft treaty could not be signed by Egypt until she had become a member of the League of Nations, and if and when she became a member, the texts and reservations of the treaty would have to be considered.

Lord Lloyd Criticised. The views adhered to by the Government were those which, starting from the report by Lord Milner's Commission, aimed at effecting a settlement between Britain and Egypt.

The substance of the Milner Report had been adhered to. He did not believe it possible to follow the policy that Lord Lloyd had suggested.

Earl Grey (Liberal), said the policy Lord Lloyd was advancing was entirely inconsistent with the Declaration of 1922. It was a most unwise and impracticable policy to go back to anything like the Cromer Regime in Egypt.—*British Wireless.*

#### CHINA LIGHTS.

### FINAL DIVIDEND OF NINE PER CENT.

The Board of Directors of The China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., have resolved to recommend at the annual meeting of the Company, to be held on 21st December, a final dividend of nine per cent. In respect of the financial year ended 30th September, 1929, making a total dividend for the year, including the interim dividend of 5% declared last March, of fourteen per cent.

A final dividend of 9% will represent a return of 45 cents per share on the "old" share and 10.73 cents per share on the 1923-issue shares allotted on 5th July, 1929. After payment of a final divi-

## SINGAPORE BASE SUSPENSION.

MANY QUESTIONS IN THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

### AIR ARM UNAFFECTED.

London, Dec. 11.

Several questions relating to the Singapore Base were asked in the House of Commons to-day.

Answering questions, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, said the new floating dock at the Singapore Base had already been utilised, and it was not proposed to move it to some other port during the period covered by the decision to slow down work.

Mr. Alexander added that the decision to suspend work on the Base did not involve any transfer, discharge or disbandment in so far as the personnel directly controlled by the Admiralty was concerned. No notice of the suspension had been given to the contractors, but the Admiralty was communicating with them with regard to the slowing down.

The decision to suspend work on the Base, said Mr. Alexander, did not involve the closing down of anti-malaria measures in the neighbourhood of the Base.

Mr. T. Shaw, Minister for War, in replying to questions, stated that the War Office had followed the Government's policy of slowing down and suspending work on the Base. No new orders had been given, and work had been retarded or suspended where possible.

Questions were also addressed to Mr. F. Montague, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Air Ministry. Answering these, Mr. Montague stated that so far £270,000 had been spent on the Air Base at Singapore. He added that £300,000 for the completion of the facilities was being provided, and this would serve not only for local defence, but for the maintenance of British air communications in the Far East and for shore trade and the repair and equipment of air units allocated to the naval forces in these waters.

The strength of the Air Forces to be normally maintained at Singapore, as at present contemplated, said Mr. Montague, would be one squadron of land machines and one squadron of flying-boats, excluding any fleet of the air arm units which might occasionally be disembarked there. He added that no change had been made as a result of the decision to suspend work on the Naval Base.—*Reuter.*

### FAMOUS OLYMPIC RUNNER.

DR. OTTO PELTZER IN  
HONGKONG.

Dr. Otto Peltzer, the famous Olympic runner, was amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Empress of Asia to-day, in the course of a trip from Japan.

Whilst in Shanghai, Dr. Peltzer turned out at the Pioneer Field and explained certain points on running to a number of Chinese athletes. Later, he jogged around the track alongside of a sprinter from the U.S. Marines, giving him a few pointers in the art of running.

We understand that Dr. Peltzer is proceeding to Manila by the Empress boat this evening.

Endeavours were being made this morning to get Dr. Peltzer to give an exhibition run on the Club de Regreio ground this afternoon, but owing to the early departure of his boat, this could not be arranged.

### THE DOMINION HIGH COMMISSIONERS.

QUESTION OF FUTURE  
STATUS.

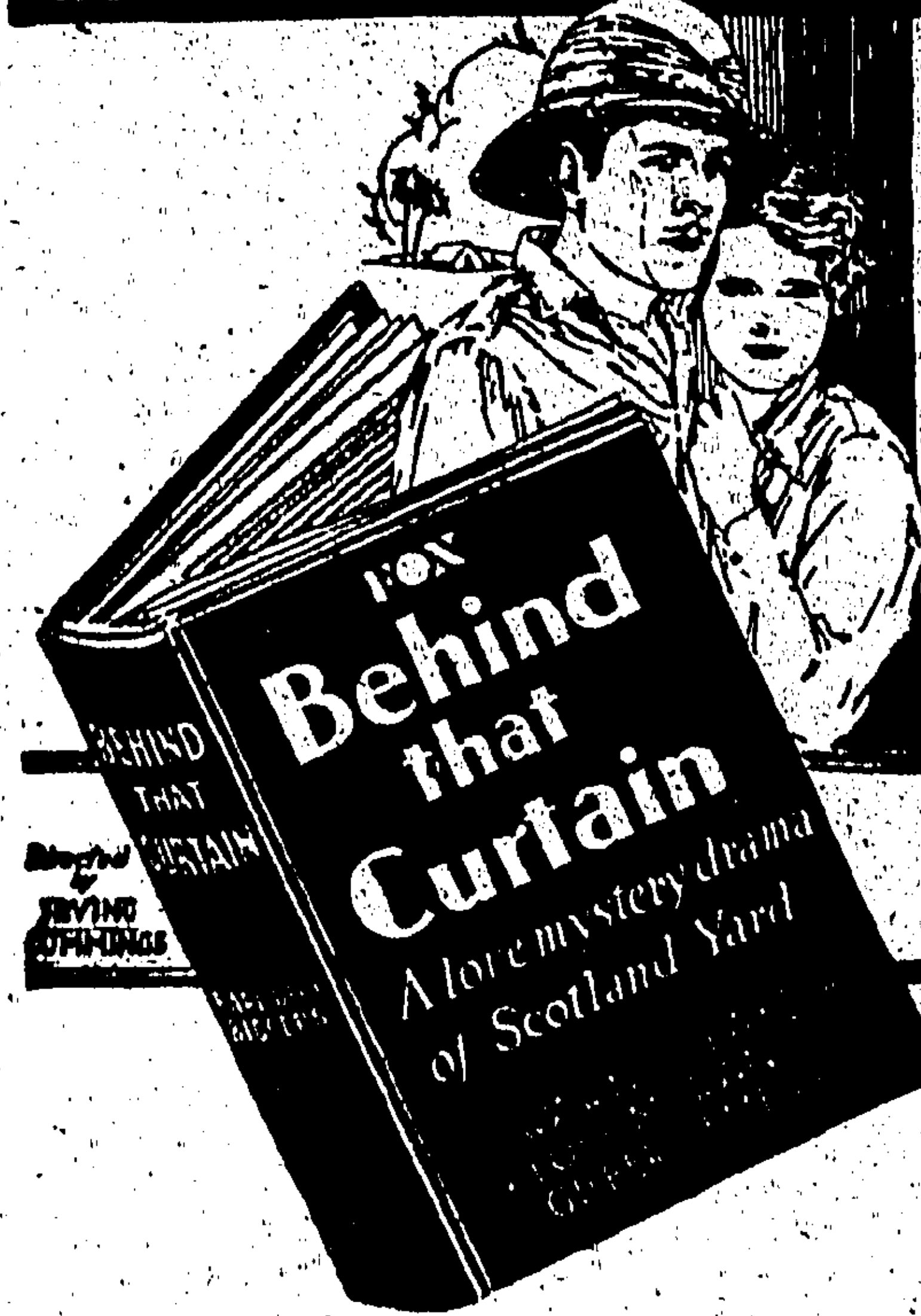
London, Dec. 11.  
The Under-Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. W. Lunn, was asked in the House of Commons to-day, whether any change in the status of the Dominion High Commissioners in London was proposed.

Replying, Mr. Lunn assumed that the question related to the functions to be performed by the High Commissioners in relation to the Government here. This was, he said, a matter for each of the Dominion Governments concerned. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom were most willing to accord to the High Commissioners in this respect whatever position their Governments might desire that they should occupy.—*British Wireless.*

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